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LEFT: Schools around Barry celebrated St David's Day, and at All Saints Primary there were many very smart children all dressed up. Pictured left are the 'best-dressed' nursery children. (See next week for more St David's Day photographs).

'Great news on St David's Day!' Assembly announces £9 million investment in the future of Barry!

AT LAST, after three years of campaigning – and on St David's Day, too! – Barry was named a 'strategic regeneration area' and will get a £9million investment.

Jocelyn Davies AM, the Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration, appropriately made the announcement at Barry Dock, an area that made the town world famous through its coal exports a century ago.

The Minister said: "This is excellent news for the people of Barry, who will see huge improvements to their town over the coming years."

"The strategic regeneration area (SRA) will focus on key communities in the town. We will work with the Vale Council and other key partners to develop an integrated action plan for the town over the next few months."

"The plan will address a number of key issues and will reflect the main regeneration needs and opportunities in the area."

"The programme will work to add value to existing and planned activities which already contribute towards the regeneration of Barry."

"The funding made available by the Assembly Government to this SRA will provide the catalyst for further public and private sector investment."

The chairman of Pride in Barry, Paul Haley, said he was delighted by the news.

"We would like to thank the Minister for responding positively to the strong case that Pride in Barry presented to both the Assembly peti-

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

tions committee and enterprise and learning committee.

"Pride in Barry publicly thanks all those who supported the campaign and signed the petition, and its members who maintained a firm belief that the job of regenerating our town needed to be completed properly, and all who made such a great effort to keep this issue in view."

Mr Haley said the organisation would be working hard to ensure that the community got real value from the investment, adding: "This announcement is a proud day for the town."

Barry is the seventh location in Wales to gain 'strategic regeneration' status.

The Assembly says the town will benefit from a

co-ordinated, long term approach to regeneration. An action plan for the town will aim to:

- integrate private and public sector housing construction and refurbishment programmes

- breathe new life into the tourist industry in the town, by realising the potential of the Waterfront and other town areas.

- stimulate the business sector to make the most of the St Athan defence college project and other major investments.

The Vale AM, Jane Hutt, commented: "This is great news for Barry on St David's Day!"

"Welsh Assembly investment has already made an impact with the pedestrianisation of Holton Road, the clear-

ing of the Butlin's site, followed by the new Thompson Street footbridge, works on the pumphouse and local highways.

"Now the full engagement of our regeneration team in Barry will make all the difference."

Vale cabinet member for economic development and regeneration, Coun Rhodri Traherne, said: "I very much hope that SRA status will mean there is a significant and continuous stream of Welsh Assembly Government money – which will ensure that we are able to drive forward the regeneration agenda in Barry, and make the very best use of the £12bn investment in the Defence Technical College and Aerospace Business Park at St Athan."

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Natalie tells of her seven-year battle with anorexia – and backs Beat Cymru

A BRAVE Barry young woman has spoken of the illness that she has struggled with for the last seven years, in an attempt to raise awareness of anorexia.

Natalie McCulloch (21) who lives on Barry Island, last week attended the launch of Beat Cymru at the Welsh Assembly, the first all-Wales charity for people suffering from eating disorders, and she has decided to share her own experience to promote understanding of the illness.

Natalie said: "Carwyn Jones, the First Minister, who is helping to put together a framework for Wales, was one of the main speakers, there was

a question and answer session with a panel, an opportunity for people to network, and a speech by Sarah Perrott, the Welsh figure skating champion that was very inspiring."

Natalie is an enthusiastic supporter of Beat Cymru because it aims to help people like herself, who have suffered from eating disorders. "At about 13 or 14, my problems started and got progressively worse. I was concerned about my body image and began to lose weight, thinking it was a way to fit in."

Natalie was taken to the University Hospital of Cardiff with heart palpitations, and went on to the Harvey Jones Unit for 12 months, which at the time helped adoles-

cents with acute mental illnesses. Despite her problem, Natalie took her GCSEs and A-Levels.

"The staff at Bryn Hafren were very supportive and extremely helpful – they kept believing in me."

Natalie even started a university course, but was forced to leave it. She spent time in a unit in Wiltshire which was funded by the Welsh Assembly.

"Specialist treatment is currently provided in England, which meant I was away from the people I love."

"The treatment was intensive with a lot of support and the expectation of gaining weight."

"I discharged myself as I felt I had done well,



Natalie McCulloch is backing Beat Cymru, the first all-Wales charity for people with eating disorders.

but probably not as well as I had thought."

She has since had a spell at a unit in Llandough Hospital.

"It's a battle every day. It is not about food. Food is the symptom of it. It is about feelings, emotions and behaviour."

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Llantwit Major tax precept questions

Congratulations to our local newspaper on covering Llantwit Major Town Council's tax precept rise so fully, and as we are an open society, I would defend The GEM's right to report matters which concern the public purse.

Although I am not against a modest increase when needed, some of the comments made to defend this additional charge cause me some concern.

The statement "if they are on low income, they are entitled to council tax benefit" doesn't allow for capital amounts which reduce benefits.

This particularly applies to people who have put money aside for a rainy day, or other reason.

The comparison of the increase and a cup of coffee costing £1.50 is totally irrelevant to people on low income

or senior citizens who, during this severe winter, have sometimes to choose between eating or heating, not cappuccino or coffee latte.

This, in my opinion, also applies to the comment "We pay less than the people in Cowbridge".

If you live in Llantwit Major, which the precept increase covers, you will pay over £50 per annum for an extra tier of government.

Quite frankly, it is difficult to understand:

(1) Why the advice of our very efficient Town Clerk, Mrs Stokes, who is the person who should know if we have sufficient funding or not, and the Chair of the buildings and recreation committee was ignored.

(2) Do we have monies 'ring fenced' and in our reserves?
B Davies, Llantwit Major

No magic bullet for the economy

FURTHER to the announcement on Friday that the INEOS ChlorVinyls factory in Barry will close with a loss of 40 jobs, I'd like to submit a few comments.

This has been a truly miserable winter for the economy in general, and the jobs market in the Vale particularly.

Coming hard on the heels of the Bosch plant closure on the other side of the Vale, it is yet another demonstration that the Assembly and Westminster governments are barking up the wrong tree with their economic strategy for Wales.

Large single invest-

ments from overseas businesses may bring big headlines, but as this new announcement proves, they don't necessarily bring sustainable long-term employment.

Instead of looking for a 'magic bullet' solution to the Welsh economy, it is time for us to invest in our key strengths - the knowledge held in our universities and the entrepreneurial spirit and enterprise of local businesses.

We will never be able to offer the cheapest workforce in the world, and nor should we want to. It is high time our governments stopped trying to sell us in that way.

Eluned Parrott, (Liberal Democrat candidate, Vale of Glamorgan)

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Litter and the Vale: 'open your eyes to the evidence of pollution'

THE council's Mr Parish (The GEM, February 25) seems to be confusing the attainment of sample, bureaucratic targets with reality.

Come on, Mr Parish, open your eyes to the real, visible evidence of litter pollution in the Vale county borough.

As one of your earlier correspondents noted, a drive along the A422 north of Cowbridge, in the vicinity of the county boundary, usually results in an unfavourable comparison between the often relatively lit-

ter-free Rhondda Cynon Taf-maintained roadside verges and the more littered Vale of Glamorgan roadsides.

It may have been coincidence, but after The GEM published the letter from an Aberthryn resident a few weeks ago, there was an intensive litter pick on this stretch of road, in the Vale area, a day or so later.

Mr Parish makes the point about a lack of resource contributing to the problem of visible litter in the Vale.

Lack of resource is a problem in every area of life, per-

sonal, business and government.

Is he suggesting that RCT is not limited in its resources, or are our neighbours in RCT more litter conscious than Vale residents?

Is littering a part of the unique Vale psyche, Mr Parish?

Finally, Mr Parish, I have seen refuse/recycling escaping from your council's vehicles.

I am sure you made your comment in the utmost good faith, but you are incorrect in what you write.

GJ Taylor, Ystradowen

Importance of trees to Cadoxton

MATTHEW IRELAND, aged 12, the Barry Comprehensive schoolboy, is a local hero for his spirited campaign to save the four majestic lime trees in Belle Vue Terrace from the axe (The GEM, February 18).

On a recent walk, I too was dismayed to see that the monkey puzzle tree, which graced the grounds of Cadoxton House, had been cut down.

The tree, which for more than a century gave

pleasure to Cadoxton folk, had avoided destruction during the war, when the nearby railway sidings were the target of German air raids.

As Matthew says, the surviving lime trees are important to local wildlife, especially birds. Matthew can add my name to his petition to save the lime trees.

Readers may be interested to know that Cadoxton House, built in 1891, was the residence of Dr Edward Trehearne (d 1905) who had the distinction of playing in the first Wales v England rugby international match.

John Jewel Williams, the builder (d 1912), a veteran of the Siege of Sebastopol, later resided there.

Jewel Williams, who came from Devon, also built the Royal Hotel in Barry Road and Jewel Street.

In the 1940s and 50s, Cadoxton House was the home and surgery of Dr Monro, a well-liked and much-respected doctor in Cadoxton.

Brian C Luxton, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	08.47	10.2	21.07	9.8
05 Fri	09.18	9.6	21.37	9.3
06 Sat	09.56	9.0	22.22	8.6
07 Sun	10.42	8.2	23.11	7.9
08 Mon	11.38	7.4		
09 Tues	00.22	7.3	13.03	6.9
10 Wed	01.58	7.2	14.51	7.3
11 Thur	03.20	7.5	15.58	7.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Heavy fines the answer to litter

AS someone who, with other people in our village, carries out weekly litter picks, I am fully aware of the slovenly habits of members of the public who think it is perfectly acceptable to just dump their litter out of the car window.

Cans, bottles, cigarette packets, fast food packaging, tissues, newspapers; the list is endless. It is unbelievable that there are even some who tie their litter neatly in a Tesco bag before tossing it in the hedge.

What on earth do they think is going to happen to their waste?

A year ago, the author Bill Bryson highlighted that in Britain we live in attractive areas which are increasingly being

spoiled by the thoughtless dumping of litter.

As in countries like the US, Canada and Australia, I would like to see large, clear signs reminding drivers that littering is an offence.

The only sign I have seen locally is a small blue sign near the Waterton roundabout.

Unfortunately, litter around the sign tends to advertise the ineffectiveness of this notice.

Maybe a very large fine, as in the US, would also help to deter offenders.

Finally, I would suggest that in addition to county councils keeping the main roads free of litter, the community councils could help by forming a network of people willing to add their weight to solving the problem in the towns and villages.

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Allegations of Barry man's attack on four years old child were placed on Facebook

DETAILS of a case at Cardiff Crown Court in which a Barry man faced allegations that he had attacked a boy aged four, were put on Facebook, the court heard.

As a result Stephen Biggs (26) was concerned for his personal safety, said his defence council Jeremy Jenkins.

On Facebook people had entered quotes "You are going to rot in hell" and "you pervert"; and finally, "let's play noughts and crosses on your face with a Stanley

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

knife".

Biggs of Jenner Road, Barry admitted a charge of causing the boy actual bodily harm.

He was jailed for eight months, the sentence suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order for two years, and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work for the community.

Prosecutor Claire Wilkes said the defendant committed the offence in the Barry area after which he took the child to a local hospital.

Staff became suspicious and the boy was taken to the University Hospital of Wales.

There, doctors found multiple bruising to his face, ear, forehead, neck, upper arm and to a shoulder blade.

An injury to the neck, though superficial, had the appearance of a ligature being used, but this was not proved.

Altogether said Ms Wilkes, there were 16 separate sites of injury and they were non-accidental.

Initially, Biggs

claimed the child had fallen on a toy, and he also alleged another child could have been responsible.

Mr Jenkins said the attack was not sustained and there was nothing sadistic about it.

Judge William Gaskell told Biggs: "That child could have suffered fractures and even brain damage, but in the event, he had bruising alone."

The judge said Biggs had tried to put the blame on another child, which was "contemptible".

'Flying Vet' bailed

'FLYING VET' Maurice Kirk appeared at the Vale Magistrates Court in Barry on February 24.

Mr Kirk (64) of Tynewydd Road, Barry, has been charged with using threatening words or behaviour likely to cause alarm or distress at Caswell Clinic, Bridgend, on February 10, and resisting two policemen in the execution of their duty.

Mr Kirk was granted bail until April 28.

Barry man sentenced for child porn offence

A PIZZA delivery man has been jailed for 10 months at Cardiff Crown Court for possessing pornographic images of children.

The offence came to light when a fire broke out at the Barry home of Robert Clarke (53) after which he sent his computer hard drive to a specialist firm to be cleaned.

The images were spotted and the police were called, said the prosecutor, David Lloyd.

Clarke, of Pontyclun Close, had previously pleaded guilty before Barry Magistrates to having indecent photos of children and was committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Mr Lloyd said: "The fire occurred last May. Clarke retrieved his hard drive and sent it off to be cleaned."

"Five images were discovered, ranging from level 3 to level 5, which is the most serious."

They featured girls aged eight to 15. One involved 'pseudo rape' and rape.

When arrested, Clarke said he was "not into that sort of porn" and had intended deleting it.

His counsel, Adam Sharpe, said: "I have to acknowledge that this is serious and disturbing. They were for his personal gratification and not to be distributed to others."

"No one else had access to his computer,

and he has lived alone for 15 years."

He said Clarke co-operated with the police and had expressed

remorse.

Prison, he added, would mean the loss of his home and of his employment.

'Put Knap on tourist map!'

PLAID CYMRU candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has expressed concern about the Vale Council's policies for the Knap, as losses for the boating lake were announced.

Dr Johnson said: "At the annual general meeting of the Knap Action Group, local residents were told by a council

officer that the Vale-run boating lake at the Knap makes a loss of thousands of pounds per year."

"However, the Vale's recently-published draft tourism consultation ignores the existence of the Knap boating lake entirely."

"If the Vale's own tourism team aren't aware of the boating on the lake, then it is unsurprising that it makes a loss!"

Jury clears Penarth man of sex charges

AFTER retiring for one hour, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court cleared a Penarth man of allegations that he sexually abused a young girl.

Mark Watts (31) married, of Fulmar Close was found not guilty of two charges of rape, not guilty of two charges of attempted rape, four of committing acts of gross indecency and four of indecent assault.

Prosecutor Ruth Smith claimed the offences occurred in the Barry area

when the girl was aged between eight and 12.

Watts told the jury: "I have never touched that girl indecently and there was no indecent conduct whatsoever."

He said he first became aware of the allegations in October 2001.

He said: "I was offered money to leave the country," but he added he didn't accept the offer.

He told the court that he denied all the allegations.

Barry Island in pictures

THE history of Barry Island, from Victorian times to the 80s, is featured in a new free photographic exhibition by town resident Tom Clemett at 'The Room in the Park' which continues at the Victoria Park venue until March 31 from 10am-4pm daily.

Penarth man admits to benefits offences

A PENARTH man, who unlawfully obtained more than £6,700 in benefits, has been given a 40 hours community punishment order by magistrates at Barry.

In a case brought by

the Vale Council, Darren Westmoreland, of Harriet Street, Cogan, admitted failing to notify the authority of a change in his circumstances, in that he had begun work.

He will have to complete the unpaid work over the next 12 months, and was also ordered to pay a contribution of

£150 towards costs.

The court heard that, as a result of his failure to declare that he was in paid employment, Mr Westmoreland received £6,737.84 in housing and council tax benefits, to which he was not entitled.

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IN 1940, FIREMAN BERT JUST GOT TO THE CHURCH IN TIME!

Bert and his Rene celebrate 70 glorious years of wedded bliss!

BARRY couple Bert and Rene Preece are celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary – 70 years of marriage – on March 9.

Bert (96) and Rene (94) first met while 'promenading' at Barry Island on a Sunday evening in 1933, as groups of boys and girls used to do in those days.

At the time, Bert worked in a furniture shop in Cardiff while Rene worked in the Co-op. Their first date took them to the Romilly cinema to see Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers in 'Top Hat'!

A special treat at that time was to go into Cardiff to the New Theatre to see a show like 'No No Nannette'. The cost was three shillings and sixpence, about thirty two and a half pence in today's money.

Their son Alan told The GEM: "My father joined the Auxillary Fire Service in 1936 doing his training around the lake and in the abattoir field, but on the outbreak of war in 1939 all part time firemen were made full time.

"With the danger of the job, in early 1940 they decided to get married and everything was arranged for 10 am at All

Saints Church in Barry on March 9.

"But the night before there was a fire in Dan Evans department store, and my father didn't get home until 6.30 in the morning! His mother sent him to bed, despite his protests, and woke him in time for the service."

Bert was given four days off work and the newly married couple went to London for their honeymoon where they saw the Crazy Gang in a show at the Palladium.

At the time there was a blackout in London and although they found the entrance to go in and see the show, they got lost in the darkness when they left!

In 1941, their first child Alan was born while Bert was on duty in Swansea during the blitz of the docks there. Two years later, Rene gave birth to a second son, Graham, to complete the family. They lived at this time in Bron-a-welon in the Garden Suburb area of Barry.

In 1946 Bert was made company officer in charge of Barry fire station in Court Road, a position he was to hold for 20 years before being promoted to Bridgend to continue in a regional capacity until his retirement in 1971.



ABOVE:
Bert and Rene were married at All Saints Church in Barry on March 9, 1940.

In 1957 the family moved to Westard Rise, again in the Garden Suburb, and have remained there ever since.

Alan said: "My parents have had a full life together enjoying many holidays abroad, attending Cadoxton Methodist church and spending time with their family.

"They have until very recently been in very good health but my mother suffered a mild stroke a few weeks ago.

"They are still hoping to celebrate their anniversary at Hedleys at the Lake in the company of the family and friends of many years standing."



WRVS long service awards

ON February 15, Mrs Joan Latham (right) and Mrs Avril Phillips were presented with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service long service medals at the Rhoose WRVS Darby and Joan Club.

The medals were presented by Mrs Jennifer Watkins, WRVS, accompanied by Mrs Howard-Jones.

The Rhoose WRVS Darby and Joan club meets every Monday afternoon at the Stewart Road Community Hall. New members and helpers welcome.

Beat Cymru aims to help

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"It is rather like a smoker. The cigarette is not the problem, it's what is causing the person to smoke that is.

"Current estimates are that 1.15 million people in the UK have an eating disorder.

"Anorexia has the potential to kill me unless I beat it, but I am determined to be a survivor and not a statistic.

"I hope to go back to university to study occu-

pational therapy, and in the long term have a family of my own.

"Beat Cymru wants to help people to be a success story too."

It is estimated that 50,000 people in Wales suffer from eating disorders and Natalie's message is that through Beat Cymru help is very much at hand. To contact the charity go to www.beat.co.uk/beatCymru for lots of information; or call the Beat helpline on 0845 634 1414.

CCTV arrests

CCTV working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with six arrests in the week ending February 28.

It contacted police on 45 occasions, with one arrest for suspected theft (Holton Road, February 23) and another involving drunk in charge of a vehicle (Plassey Street, Penarth, February 27).

Four arrests were made at Holton Road on February 28; the first involving theft, another theft and possession of drugs; and two arrests involving actual bodily harm.

VALE HERITAGE CENTRE COALITION GETS READY FOR COUNCIL SCRUTINY



ABOVE: The group assembles the case.

THE group which hopes to provide a Vale Heritage Centre as part of the Barry Waterfront Development is preparing its case to put before a scrutiny committee.

A meeting of representatives from all the history societies from across the county has taken place – the first time they have all been together in one room. The meeting was led by Dr Jonathan Hicks who gave the packed meeting the

chance to see his proposed presentation to the forthcoming Vale scrutiny committee.

At the end of the meeting all the history groups gave their unanimous support to the proposal and agreed to speak in support of the Heritage Centre at the scrutiny meeting.

Dr Hicks said: "This was an historic and vibrant meeting, and it was wonderful to see such cross-county support for the idea. We are grateful for all the letters of encouragement we have

received and to those people who have taken the time and trouble to express their support publicly in the local press."

The Vale Heritage Centre Coalition's presentation to the scrutiny committee will take place at 6pm on March 23 in the Civic Offices in Barry and supporters of this potentially superb facility from across the Vale are encouraged to attend.

(For more details about the group's plans, see article on page 10).

Llantwit Council backs the fight to save care home

THE fight to save Bryneithin residential care home from closure is being backed by Llantwit Major Council.

The council was asked by Dinas Powys Community Council for support and members agreed to back protesters.

The Vale cabinet has already decided to close the home, which has 19 beds for dementia sufferers, but a last ditch attempt to halt the closure on legal grounds is underway.

Coun Gwyn John told the town council that there was an urgent need in the Vale for care homes for those suffering from dementia.

But he said Bryneithin could only cater for a maximum of 19 people and the building needed a lot of work.

"We did object to the closure at a scrutiny meeting, he said. "We

feel we need extra facilities in the Vale. There's also the issue of the problems that arise when you move people with dementia.

"But the Vale has alternative ideas. They are suggesting that people are moved to Ty Dyfan, near the Gibbonsdown estate.

"If you have lived in Dinas Powys and you can look out of your window and see fields and the next thing, you are an area built up with houses, it's very difficult."

Coun John said that the Assembly should make more money available to councils to cope with this problem.

"We need extra money coming down the line," he added. "We have more and more people getting older and there's a lot of demand. A lot of people in our care homes have some form of dementia."

Coun Russell Downe commented that Dinas Powys Community

Council has asked for a letter supporting their campaign.

Coun John pointed out that although the home was outside the Llantwit Major area, some residents of the town had gone to stay there.

"Bryneithin has served Llantwit Major in the past and probably still does, although I don't know if there's anyone there at the moment who comes from here. Relatives have said that it's a lovely place."

Coun Dave Lane remarked that it all came down to pounds, shillings and pence: "To disturb people at that stage of their lives is cruel, but sentiment does not come into the argument. We must support this campaign on the grounds of needing to provide care."

It was agreed to send a letter of protest to the Vale and a letter of support to Dinas Powys council.

Shahi Noor's £1,000 for Haiti earthquake



THE Shahi Noor restaurant, High Steet, Barry, raised more than £1,000 for the Haiti appeal.

On hand to lend their support were Vale AM Jane Hutt, Coun Rob Curtis and Coun Richard Bertin.

High Street pupils dress up for charity



ABOVE and RIGHT:
Some of the pupils who took part in the campaign.

THE children of High Street Primary School in Barry made a terrific effort and raised a fantastic £270 in support of bowel cancer awareness week,



taking part in the 'Be loud be clear' campaign.

Everyone dressed up in their brightest and boldest outfits and the school staged a fashion parade showcasing the array of dazzling attire, with prizes given for the

snazziest!

Miss Helen Beech said it was a great day and she was absolutely thrilled with the amount raised, and would like to thank mums, dads, pupils and staff for their support. Da iawn!

'Support local manufacturers' say Assembly Members

IT was a bleak week on the jobs front in Barry, as Ineos ChlorVinyls, based just outside the town, announced it was closing its local plant with the loss of 40 jobs.

The factory is located on the Sully Moors Road and produces PVC.

The company said that the staff in Barry would be offered jobs elsewhere in the country. It will continue to supply customers from its other PVC plants at Runcorn and Newton Aycliffe.

Mr Geir Tuft, Ineos ChlorVinyls' business manager, said: "The consolidation of our PVC operations will improve security of supply to our UK customers while at the same time delivering an improved cost base."

"Streamlining will allow us to concentrate on sites that will deliver long term growth and value to the business."

Two regional AMs, Chris Franks and Alun Cairns, said they were dismayed at the news.

Mr Franks called on the government in London to re-examine its economic strategy.

"It is disappointing to see the jobs go, particularly when it seems that there is an upturn in the economy. It shows that the Welsh

economy still has a long way to go.

"Our thoughts must be with the workers and their families. They mustn't forget that there are now Welsh government schemes in place to help them to retrain and to find a new job."

Mr Franks added: "I am calling for Ministers in London to give more of priority to manufacturing. For far too long Gordon Brown's government seems to be more concerned with boosting the financial sector in the City of London, rather than support Welsh manufacturers."

Alun Cairns said he would be asking the Welsh Assembly Government

what action it had taken to try and retain the jobs in Wales.

"This company is keeping open its plants in Cheshire and County Durham. Although they are saying that there has been a drop in demand for their vinyl products, there is still enough work to keep their other two plants going."

"So the question is - why have they chosen to close Barry, instead of one of the others?"

"I want to know if everything possible was done to persuade them to keep open the plant in Barry and to offer them all the assistance that is available at this difficult time."

Penarth Scouts get £34K grant

THE Welsh government has announced funding for a community project in Penarth, which is to receive £34,245.

The money will be used by Penarth District Scout Council to add two rooms off their main hall, to allow for storage, meetings and for adults to use during sleepovers.

Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks said: "I am delighted that a local project in Penarth will benefit from

this latest round of funding from the Welsh government. The money will be a real benefit for all the community."

"I'm always happy to hear of the success of local groups receiving Assembly Government grants and funding."

The funding is part of a £7 million package of support over the next three years for 46 projects across Wales through the Assembly Government's Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP).

Former deputy head to speak at memorial lunch

A FORMER deputy headteacher at Bryn Hafren, Carole Evans, is returning to Barry, as guest speaker at the Dorothy Rees memorial lunch on March 13 in the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

Twenty years ago, she and her husband set up a project to provide care and shelter for needy children and orphans in Tamil Nadu, south India.

Coun Margaret Alexander explained that the lunch is held to celebrate the life of Dorothy Rees, elected MP for Barry in 1950, one of only four women MPs in the Commons at the time.

"We also commemorate the achievements of women in so many fields since 1913, when a group of women workers in America marched in support of women's rights."

"One of Dorothy Rees's interests was female education, and I am sure she would be pleased to see how women's education has widened since her day."

"We also celebrate the lives of other women from the area who have excelled in their particular fields, like Grace Williams, acknowledged as one of the 20th century's leading composers; Elizabeth Philips

Hughes, passionate supporter of women's education with a graduate college in Cambridge University, Hughes College, named after her.

"She started the first Workers Educational Association in Gladstone School in 1904, which ran evening classes for those working people who had to earn a living, rather than continue their full time education."

"Margaret Lindsay Williams, was a prolific painter and gold medalist of the Royal Academy, a painter of politicians and generals but a passionate supporter of the National Eisteddfod (she was a member of the Gorsedd) and a supporter of the South Wales Arts' Association."

"One of her paintings used to hang in the library of the old town hall. What happened to it is one of the great Barry mysteries."

"Hilda Price was born in 1910, a dancer, air-frame fitter, nurse, lifetime trade unionist, campaigner for peace and pensioners."

"These are just a few of the many notable women with links to Barry and the Vale - yet another reason to have a Vale museum!" Coun Alexander added

Tickets for the lunch can be purchased on 01446 740275.

REGENERATION INVESTMENT FOR BARRY!

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The Vale's Conservative parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns, said the news was a triumph for local campaigners.

"I am delighted that after many years of lobbying, we have at last made progress. I and many others have campaigned for the Welsh Assembly to give priority to the regeneration of Barry. "This is a demonstration of what can be achieved by the co-ordinated efforts of Assembly members and the local authority, where pressure from all sides eventually persuaded the Minister."

"It is now essential that the money is used to support the community in Barry and that the regeneration is carried out only after full consultation with local people."

"It must be remembered that this £9m from the Welsh Assembly Government is not extra funding, it is the money released from the sale of land coming back to Barry. "Only by fully

engaging with the local community can we be sure that this money will be wisely spent."

Plaid regional AM Chris Franks said: "This is the last chance and the best chance for boosting Barry in the foreseeable future."

"I recently met with Jocelyn Davies and stressed the need to continue the regeneration of Barry. I am delighted that she has responded positively to Pride in Barry, the Vale Council and Plaid Cymru representatives."

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Nag nappies, are they the answer?

HORSE manure - The GEM letters column has been full of it but I now propose a solution to this Vale-wide problem: Nag nappies.

These would not only be environmentally friendly, but also make economic sense, as the contents could

either be spread on the many council-owned roundabouts, or sent to MPs claiming gardening expenses, to make their taxpayer-funded gardens more luxuriant.

Three problems solved at the swish of a horse's tail. Christopher Short, Barry

Crematorium charges rise at Coychurch

THE services at the crematorium, which is jointly run by Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan and Rhondda Cynon Taff Councils, is set to rise by ten per cent.

The Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee is being asked tomorrow, Friday, to approve the rise, which will see the price of an adult cremation increase from £386 to £425 from April 1.

According to a report from Richard Fletcher, the clerk and technical officer, the extra money is needed to pay for improvements at the crematorium, which includes the installation of replacement cremators.

The crematorium dealt with 1,808 cremations in 2009 - 757 from Bridgend, 601 from the Vale, 306 from Rhondda

Cynon Taff and 54 from non-residents.

At the moment, Coychurch stands 234th out of a list of 255 crematoria for its charges - the highest charges are levied at Harrogate where a fee of £623 is levied.

Increasing the charge to £425 will bring the crematorium in line with those at Swansea and Narberth, which also charge £425 but will put it ahead of Margam, which charges £363.

All the others in south Wales will be cheaper, apart from Llanelli which charges £460.

All the fees charged at the crematorium for various services will increase from April 1, apart from the funerals of children aged under 16, which remain free as long as they are held on weekdays.

THE DOG OWNERS WHO IGNORE COUNTRY CODE

I FEEL very privileged that we have such a wonderful amenity as the beach at Barry Island.

My daughter takes her horse to swim in the sea early in the morning, usually at 7am.

The horse swims for half an hour and the tide is in when we arrive, so we are able to unload and walk directly onto the beach and into the sea. We have been advised to swim the

horse by our vet. Even in the very severe weather, which we have recently enjoyed, it has proved very beneficial.

Unfortunately, there have been a number of people unloading four or five large dogs, who jump out of their 4 x 4 vehicles and are not under any control; they rush up to a horse and, of course, this frightens it.

I have been very surprised at the response of the owners, who think it is a huge joke and laugh at their dogs' behaviour.

'Ban dogs from public areas'

AS the debate between dog lovers and horse owners continues in The GEM, maybe it's time for other members of the public to have their say - who like to sit outside and have a coffee without being surrounded by dogs that bark continuously, drool and sniff - and lick you with tongues that have been licking their

backs. I have even seen someone sharing an ice lolly with their dog, taking turns to lick; how disgusting is that?

All that combined with the fact that trying to walk without stepping in dog mess, which is like walking through a minefield - not just at the beach, but in Barry as a whole - is in my opinion, reason enough to restrict access to public areas for all owners.

Irene Jones, Barry

Readers' Letters

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Running gauntlet on a bracing stroll!

MAY I respond to Mr Robert G Dyke's letter in The GEM regarding the benefits of walking.

Inspired by his phenomenal idea, I decided to follow Mr Dyke's sage advice to the letter.

I set off on Saturday morning for a 20-minute stroll along the streets around our house. I had to exercise some caution to avoid the copious piles of dog mess and, just five minutes into the walk, I tripped over an enormous mound of horse manure!

Fortunately, I fell into a pile of takeaway boxes and assorted litter - presumably blown over from Barry Island.

Nevertheless, I continued up to Cemetery Way, taking time to reflect on the number of truly

impressive buildings in the local area, anyone of which is no doubt capable of housing a museum.

Undeterred by the morning's difficulties, I set out again in the evening, feeling much more confident in my walking and prepared for a 40-minute jaunt.

Imagine my surprise when I was practically run down by what appeared to be an eccentric old gentleman, flying past me brandishing a (presumably decommissioned) rifle!

I can only suggest that any other budding walkers, or cyclists, stick to country lanes and wear suitable high visibility clothing.

Due to the lack of signposts, it took me over four hours to find my way home again!

Food for thought indeed.

Jim Shields, Barry

Walking for health

MAY I commend the recent letter in The GEM entitled 'Walking is so good for you!'

It is the easiest, cheapest and most accessible form of exercise, year round. Walking independently and regularly is ideal.

If people want to walk in company and have the opportunity to discover new walking routes on the Vale's extensive 550km footpath network, the Valeways walking programme offers guided short walks of 60-90 minutes.

The spring programme is out now, with

dates often publicised in The GEM.

The Vale is unique in having a charitable organisation in Valeways, which provides a full time crew of staff and volunteers to work on improvements and maintenance on the rights of way network in partnership with the council.

More volunteers, individuals, groups and corporate days are always welcome.

For further information and the spring walking programme, contact carolyn@valeways.org.uk or visit www.valeways.org.uk Gareth Simpson, (Valeways)

Vale of Glamorgan Council Highways Act 1980 Section 116 and 117

TAKE NOTICE that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Highways Authority for the length of adopted highway known as the Dunraven Bay access road, Southerndown, intends to seek an Order under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to stop up and divert that part of the highway described in Schedule 1 below, which highway shall be stopped in a manner which will prohibit public access or use of the route.

The application will be heard at Barry Magistrates Court on 12th April, 2010 at 10.00am. Any person wishing to object to the stopping up and diversion of the highway known as the Dunraven Bay access road described in Schedule 1 may attend and be heard on that date.

A copy of the proposed Order and associated plan may be viewed at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan and The Alps Depot, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan on Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Schedule 1

That part of the highway known as Dunraven Bay access road, Southerndown.

Dated: 24/02/10

P H Evans,
Director of Legal and Regulatory Services,
Civic Offices,
Holton Road, Barry,
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PUBLIC MEETING

to discuss proposals with the Cabinet member for Education and Lifelong Learning and Vale of Glamorgan education officers.

Formal consultation on proposed new Welsh Medium Schools in Barry and Llantwit Major due to open September 2011.

8 March 2010, 6.00pm
at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School,
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10 March 2010, 6.00pm
at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg,
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FOLLOW THE (Vale Council) LEADER

Welcome to my first column for The GEM. Each month, I will be sharing with you my experiences as Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Much of the last few months has been dedicated to budget setting. Everyone is aware of the financial crisis that has hit the world economy, and local government is not immune to its effects.

Our budgets are being squeezed as the Welsh Assembly must be frugal with its grants to local government and the recession is causing a drop in our income from areas such as our leisure centres.

Our challenge is to protect essential services while keeping the level of council tax down. We appreciate that many residents' finances have also been affected by the recession.

This year, we have kept the council tax increase to 3.9 per cent. An average Band D property in the Vale will be charged £894.33 for council services (this does not include the charges levied by the police force or community and town councils).

The Welsh Local Government Association predicts



by Coun GORDON KEMP
Leader of the Vale Council

that the average Welsh council tax charge for a Band D property will be £926.52 – meaning the Vale's council tax is lower than average.

We still have to press on with major projects, such as our school investment strategy. Our young people are the workers of tomorrow and the success of our future economy depends on a well educated workforce.

Vale school pupils are the scientists, doctors, policy makers and engineers of tomorrow and we are determined to provide excellent education in schools housed in first class buildings.

The new Cowbridge Comprehensive School

is due to open in the autumn and we are working on plans to replace St Cyres Comprehensive.

It is not just schools that we aim to renew – the recent opening of the Thompson Street footbridge in Barry is just part of the work we must undertake to improve our towns.

Efficiency savings are the order of the day. We recently agreed the closure of the cash offices in Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, due to take place on March 4, but the services offered at the offices will be provided by local libraries from March 7 and bills can be paid in a wide variety of ways, including at outlets such as post offices.

There will be hard decisions to be made regarding services over the coming year and there will be some job losses at the Vale Council.

Unfortunately things will be tough in the public sector, including local government, for some years to come.

The Vale Council is the largest employer in the area, being the livelihood of thousands of local families. We are also a major buyer of goods and services from the private sector.

The squeeze on public finances has an effect on our society way beyond the walls of the Civic Offices.

Safer Vale HQ moves to new home at Barry Fire Station

THE new Safer Vale headquarters in Barry has been officially opened by TV presenter Jonathan Hill at Barry Fire Station on Port Road West.

Partnership chairman Coun Paul Church said:

"Community safety is not just about tackling crime but also includes many other aspects that would not be the responsibility of the police or one agency alone.

"It makes a lot of sense for everyone involved in Safer Vale to be under one roof.

"It makes communication easier and more efficient, which means we can respond to issues more quickly as they arise.

"Now we spend less time on email or trying to track people down on the telephone, and more time discussing how we plan to tackle the issues face to face."



Cutting a ribbon to mark the official opening of the new Safer Vale headquarters in Barry, TV presenter Jonathan Hill was joined by from left: Coun Anthony Ernest (chairman of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service), Supt Liane James (South Wales Police), Coun Paul Church, Safer Vale Partnership chairman, and Alun Billingham, head of public protection, Vale Council.

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Tea dance for Fairtrade

IWOULD like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers of last Saturday's Fairtrade tea dance at Cowbridge Town Hall, which was raising money and awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight.

We all know that Fairtrade is a very important movement, which directly helps farmers and their families across the world to get a fair price for their product and their hard work, but sometimes we all need a little reminding of what it is that we can do as individuals to help.

Many thanks also to

those who took the time and trouble to teach me to improve my dancing skills, and to the pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive who gave their time to assist.

For those interested in

supporting other events, there will be a Fairtrade Tea Brew in Dinas Powys Parish Hall on Saturday morning between 10am and midday.

Dr Ian Johnson, Barry

Pothole cash

THE VALE COUNCIL is getting an extra £100,000 from the Assembly, to repair potholes that were caused by the January freeze.

The Deputy First Minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones, announced earlier this month that £2.75m would be made available to local authorities to tackle potholes.

Now, the Vale Council's exact share has been announced, and it will receive £105,260.

Chris Franks, AM for South Wales Central, said: "The Vale roads are in a dreadful state and I hope that the Vale Council acts quickly."

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Applications are invited from COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (not individuals) seeking assistance for the financial year 2010/2011.

Applicants are required to complete an application form which is available from: Accountancy Section, Finance Dept., Civic Offices, Holton Rd., Barry. CF63 4RU. Tel: 01446 709250/251. Fax: 01446 701729.

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Organisations in receipt of this funding in previous years will have already been sent the appropriate form for completion and need not respond to this advertisement.

Application forms are to be returned by Friday 30 April 2010.

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Director of Finance, ICT & Property



Older People's Forum says 'thank you' to pupils



Nisha Shukla (involvement officer), Katie Fish (St Cyres), Vale Mayor (Coun Emlyn Williams) Sophie Roberts (St Cyres), Winnie Davies (executive member of the Vale Older People's Strategy Forum).

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, was welcomed by officers and members of the Vale Older People's Strategy Forum when he attended a coffee morning and information day at the Barry Library. The Forum and its

members expressed gratitude to St Cyres sixth formers, Sophie Roberts and Katie Fish, for their help in making the well attended coffee morning and information day so successful.

Airport's exercise boost for Ty Hafan

CARDIFF Airport has donated £700 to Ty Hafan as a thank you for providing volunteers in an emergency training exercise.

A spokesperson explained that the airport was in need of volunteers for an exercise at the end of 2009, and the hospice at Sully pulled out all the stops to find willing 'pseudo holiday-makers' to play passen-

gers and their families involved in an aircraft accident.

The airport donated £10 per volunteer to the children's charity.

Airport Contingency Planner Avril Brown explained: "Under our licence with the Civil Aviation Authority the airport is expected to hold regular emergency exercises, to ensure that both the airport and local authority emergency services have the skills

to deal with a major aircraft incident.

"We've struggled in the past to find people to take part in exercises as the volunteers are required to spend long periods of time on the airfield or in the terminal building.

"This time Ty Hafan thankfully offered their assistance and rallied the troops together, in return for a donation to help raise much needed funds."

Vale AM offers support to court 'admin' staff

THE campaign to stop the Vale Magistrates Court's administrative work being moved to Bridgend is gathering pace.

As well as meeting John Smith MP, the administrative team has met with Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She was told that four members of staff will be forced to redeploy to other courts in south Wales with only two members to remain in Barry.

Three years ago, there were 11 members of the administrative team, now there are only six.

Jane Hutt said: "The

Vale Magistrates Court is extremely busy with daily criminal courts plus a family court, domestic abuse court and courts to deal with a range of fines.

"It is not clear how there can be savings if case files are kept in Bridgend and would have to be transported daily to Barry."

She added: "I have made representations to Her Majesty's Courts Service and the Justice Minister Bridget Prentice MP, making the point that Barry is the largest town in Wales and it needs a fully functioning magistrates court, providing local justice for local people."

Barry murder trial continues as court is told of stabbing

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A MAN alleged to have been murdered during an incident in Barry when, it is claimed, he was stabbed through the heart, "had a fiery temper" a witness told a jury at Cardiff Crown Court.

But Paul Michael Jones, a married man, who suffered two fatal wounds, was always "a happy guy", said his friend of 20 years, Christopher Painting.

Before the court is John Chivers, 30, of Cardiff Road, Barry, who denies the charge of murdering Mr Jones, who was known as 'Jonah'.

Prosecutor Michael Chambers said that the two men, Mr Painter and the defendant's girlfriend, Dominique Fitzgerald, were initially drinking in the 'King Billy' pub in Cadoston on the night of August 3.

Later, outside her

house, Chivers and Mr Jones were involved in a dispute, exchanged blows and shortly after, it is alleged, the defendant stabbed him twice through the heart with a carving knife he had obtained from the kitchen of Miss Fitzgerald's house.

After the alleged incident, Chivers left the scene and took an overdose, said Mr Chambers. Mr Painting told the jury that his friend Mr Jones and the defendant were speaking in the pub and seemed to be getting on well.

Later, Mr Jones drove Mr Painting and the defendant to Columbus Close, where Miss Fitzgerald lived.

At one point, he said, he saw Chivers "strike Miss Fitzgerald to the face with the back of his hand."

"She hit the deck. Mr Jones said: 'I'm not having that' got out of the car and confronted him."

Mr Painting said they had a slanging match and went for each other, and he tried to defuse the situation, but was struck through a fence into a garden.

He noticed Mr Jones going to his car to get something to defend himself.

He next remembers him lying on the road saying "I've been stabbed."

Mr Painting said that the defendant had attacked him and demonstrated how he had stabbed at him.

Cross examined by defence counsel, David Evans QC, he said he had no idea how Mr Jones was later found to have a high content of cocaine in his blood.

"I didn't see him taking cocaine and that's not a lie."

He agreed his friend had "a fiery temper" but he had never seen him strike anyone in his company.

He added that he was also unaware that Mr Jones threw the first punch that night, but he did know, he said, that he had been in trouble with the police in the past.

Earlier in the trial, a female witness said she had seen some of the incident from the bathroom of her parents' home after having a shower.

She noticed the defendant coming out of the house with a knife.

She described the events as something "like a bad dream".

In a statement read to the court, a scenes of crime investigator said that the following day he recovered a carving knife embedded in a lawn in a house in Columbus Close, and a wheel brace from the footwell of Mr Jones' Renault car.

The case continues...

Candidate backs cancer campaign

ALANA DAVIES, Labour's parliamentary candidate in the Vale, is backing Cancer Research UK's Cancer Commitment Campaign.

"I am delighted to pledge my support for Cancer Research UK's vital campaign. Cancer remains the public's number one fear. With

a concerted effort from the next parliament, we can give hope to the millions of people affected by cancer and their friends and family," she said.

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The Penarth and District Ramblers find a vital message in a rucksack!

A MAP will give important information about the terrain of an area, but it cannot predict what will happen on the ground when a particular route is walked.

Since this group started in 1993, the record for injuries has thankfully remained low, although on one occasion a walk leader efficiently summoned the assistance of the air ambulance when someone was taken ill on a high level walk; fortunately, this does not happen very often.

For some time, walk leaders and committee members have been concerned that they really know very little medical and personal information about people who attend walks.

Although you should be safer walking with a group, it would appear that many individuals do not carry any sort of

identification, so that in the event of an injury or emergency, walk leaders would not know who to contact.

However, hopefully this situation will soon change for the better with the help of a successful emergency scheme already in operation, that with permission, has been adapted to assist ramblers.

The Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay was founded in 1988 and does a considerable amount of charitable work, which has included setting up a free scheme that people can use at home called - 'Message in a Bottle'.

A form is completed containing a person's photograph, name, address, height, weight, date of birth, doctors' practice, illnesses, medication details, any allergies suffered, emergency contact details and information regarding a person or pet that is reliant on that person for daily care. The form is placed in a plastic container inside the door of the

refrigerator; a green cross sticker is affixed to the fridge door and also placed inside the front door of the house to alert members of the emergency services.

This scheme is recognised by ambulance, paramedics, fire and rescue, police and social services, as it provides all the information they require.

Our scheme is being utilised as - 'Message in a Rucksack' - where the bottle and completed form (a photograph is optional, but could provide positive identification especially if you are walking alone) is placed inside the owner's rucksack and a key ring containing the green cross sticker, the group's badge and 'Message in a Rucksack' is attached firmly to the outside of the rucksack.

On March 6, meet at

9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate walk at Highmeadow Woods in the Wye Valley; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On March 7, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 8.5-mile moderate/hard walk at Craig-y-Nos taking in Cribarth and Hendre Falls; contact Peter on 029 2070 6545.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Camera Club gets practical in marathon!

BARRY Camera Club met twice last week in a practical session marathon.

On Friday 19, the club held a workshop evening focusing on practical skills for members. A wide variety of practical sessions were held - Jason Aspinall demonstrated high-speed photography using his self-made laser equipment; Malcolm Downes mounting and image editing techniques; and I covered studio lighting and manual flash exposure management.

Other members gave informal one-to-one sessions on particular topics of interest.

On Saturday, members had a chance to practice some of the techniques learnt with a photoshoot - models, make-up artists

and photographers all getting together to produce images.

In a hectic six-hour session, the attendees produced a huge number of images on five interior lighting sets and locations nearby.

The images will be used by models and photographers present as part of their portfolios, as well as for competition.

Many will appear on the club's Flickr group <http://www.flickr.com/groups/barrycc/> over the next few weeks.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday at 7.30pm at the St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry. Prospective members are invited, for a small fee at the door of £1.50.

Steve Durbin
(Barry Camera Club chair)

LAST week, Mrs Anne Rogers gave the second of her talks on the life of Lady Charlotte Guest and once again, members of the forum wondered at the virtuosity and genius of this Victorian aristocrat.

The question arose: how did the daughter of an English earl come to translate and publish the collection of medieval Welsh tales she called *The Mabinogion*?

How did she raise 10 children, speak eight languages, before learning Welsh and, after the death of her husband, Sir John Guest, run one of the largest steel-producing companies in the world?

Mrs Rogers made it plain that these accomplishments, although large, took place in the first half of her life, for soon after her first husband's death, Charlotte fell in love with and, against huge opposition from her family, married

her son Ivor's tutor, a young academic called Charles Schreiber.

The running of the ironworks now passed to others and, together, the newly-weds (he was 14 years younger than her) determined to collect and categorise a ceramics collection.

The English section of the collection is now known as the Schreiber Collection and has its own room at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Charlotte became a great authority in this field and an expert on forgeries.

At the time when her expertise was highly sought after in this area, she was busy buying fans and corroborated in the production of a book on English fans, which was quickly followed by one on their European cousins.

She campaigned for many causes, one of which was to help London cabmen and she was largely responsible for those occasional dark green buildings in the middle of London roads still to be seen to this

NEWS FROM THE BARRY MEN'S FORUM

Interesting life of Lady Guest

day. These were designed to supply simple refreshments and rest facilities for cabbies of the horse-drawn era.

Lady Charlotte's many journals still provide an invaluable portrait of aristocratic life during the Victorian era.

A truly remarkable woman.

Meetings of the Men's Forum are held every Thursday at 10.30am. New members are welcome. Telephone 029 2059 4881 for further information.

MAC TANNER

Penarth Computer Club News

THE RULES AND PROTOCOLS OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB

LAST time we noted the preparation needed to get a good end product be it in DIY or designing a website. (We told you that the slides used were on our website www.penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.)

If you have looked at them you will see sets of initials, some of which it would be useful to understand. It's not essential, but it does help to be aware. Chris said "DON'T PANIC" and explained the meaning of the ones you are more likely to come across if you browse the web looking for further advice.

Before that, though, he pointed out that the Internet and the World Wide Web, although used interchangeably by many people, are quite different things.

There are several of them to deal with different aspects of the operation.

Normal typing will do most of the work in documents, but a system

(protocol) was devised to link highlighted words to another part of the document (or even another web page). This superior text is called hypertext and in use it is known as HTML that stands for Hyper Text Mark-up Language.

The agreement to use it everywhere means that the system of transferring information around the internet is the Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

That is the http, you see at the start of a web address. It is so common now that you don't need to type it. It is assumed and automatically inserted.

Files are transmitted according to a File Transfer Protocol (FTP). There are non-profit organisations that administer these matters and allocate names as required.

Each website occupies a piece of territory somewhere on the Internet and this area (called a domain) has a domain name.

You can make up your own name, but it must be unique and will have bits attached to help with that; for example .uk to say it is British.

Each piece of your equipment that is linked to the internet has an IP address. It is the address

of the device under the Internet Protocol. Again, there are organisations that impose order on things so that you don't have to worry about them.

It's so nice that most of the things you need to do require a simple mouse-click!

The next meeting will be on March 9. Ceri will be looking at features of Microsoft Office 2007. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

Floral society ON Tuesday, March 9, Barry Floral Society meets at St Nicholas Hall, Barry for a demonstration by Mrs Janet Woodfield of Fernhill Heath, Worcester, titled 'My Way with Flowers' at 2.15pm. New members welcome.

Spiritualist church C A D O X T O N Christian Spiritualist Church, Kenilworth Road, is holding a day of readings on March 13 in aid of the church roof project.

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LAST CHANCE TO SHOWCASE BARRY'S HISTORY?

Vale Heritage Centre coalition is launched

A GROUP formed to convince the Vale Council of the merits of a Vale Heritage Centre was officially launched this week.

The Vale Heritage Centre Coalition has been formed by local historians Dr Jonathan Hicks, Aldon Grisdale, Andy Hinton, Glenn Booker, John Chucas, Howard Thomas, Alun Robertson and Brian Luxton.

In partnership with the 'Barry, Wales' website owner Steve Williams, Ade Pitman who runs the 'World at War' website, Paul Haley of 'Pride in Barry', and David Simpson of the 'Barry Merchant Seamen' website, the group has met several times since Christmas to discuss how to ensure that the history of the Vale is preserved.

The group's mission statement states: 'We believe that the Vale of Glamorgan has a rich, varied and important his-

tory that should be preserved for posterity and displayed in an appropriate venue for the benefit and education of local people and visitors'.

To this end, the group is calling for the space set aside in the planning application submitted by the Barry Waterfront Consortium for community use to be dedicated to the construction of a Vale Heritage Centre.

This building would contain static displays on the history of the Vale, plus exhibition space for material brought in for a special commemoration. Ade Pitman said: "Generations of people have grown up without knowing their local history, and as Barry and the Vale even more become a suburb of Cardiff, if we miss this opportunity, people may never know the history of the area."

"The Heritage Centre should tell the story of the Vale from pre-history to the present day. It should feature interactive exhibits and not simply

be a dusty room full of pictures. It should attract, entertain and educate."

The group has contacted local history societies across the Vale and they have pledged their support for the venture.

"As a teacher, I firmly believe in education," said Dr Hicks, "and what better place to start the teaching of history in our schools than in the history that lies all around us."

"We would start with the dinosaur footprints and fossils to be found on Bendrick Rock and Lavernock Beach, to the ancient burial chambers like Tinkinswood, on through the Viking raids, the building of the medieval castles in the area, the Battle at St Fagans, the smugglers, the growth of the docks at Penarth and Barry, the history of the Barry Railway Company - to the development of St Athan airfield, the story of the Great War and WW2, the growth of tourism and industry. The list is endless.



Dr Jonathan Hicks.

"Each town and village in the Vale would be represented in the building and as the facility grew, we would envisage a two-way process where artefacts and information are lent out to towns such as Llantwit and Cowbridge so that events could be staged around them."

"This could be a vibrant, community hub, as well as a tourist attraction. It could also serve as a tourist information centre and by liaising with the local sailing clubs, sea cadets and sea scouts, it would emerge as a well-used multi-functional facility on the Waterfront."

"This is a non-political group which is calling for support from across the Vale to give the county a central base from which its history can be told."

The Vale Heritage Centre Coalition will be presenting its case to the Vale Council's scrutiny committee next month and urges readers with an interest in education, history and culture to lend their support to their cause.

For more information, e-mail: ninian27@btinternet.com

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for the Castleland ward in Barry, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 6

It will be held from 10.30am-12pm in the Drop-In-Centre, at No 3, Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

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'Dog fouling on football pitch a menace' says AM

A Plaid Cymru Assembly Member has warned that somebody could be seriously injured, due to persistent dog fouling on a football pitch.

Regional AM Chris Franks, said it was unacceptable that Dinas Powys, who play in Division One of the Welsh football league, recently had to stop one of their games three times to clear the pitch of dog mess.

The Welsh football league has since warned the club they could face disciplinary action should dog mess again be found during a game.

The clubs runs 31 teams, including a thriving youth section.

Two senior teams and

an under-19 team play at The Murchfield pitch where dog fouling is persistent.

A public notice has been erected near the pitch, warning owners that they could be fined up to £1,000 if they fail to clean up after their pets.

David Jose, the vice-chairman and secretary at the club, said despite this deterrent, dog mess has to be removed from the pitch before every game.

He said: "If (the penalty) is not enforced and dog owners know nobody will enforce it, it is not a lot of use."

Mr Franks, who lives in Dinas Powys, said apart from being anti-social, dog fouling can cause blindness through the disease toxocariasis.

Club may pay penalty



Dinas Powys Football Club has suffered from dog fouling in recent weeks.

He added: "It is only a small minority of dog owners that are responsible for this problem and I would urge them to clean up after their pets."

"It is not acceptable to allow your dogs to foul in a public place without picking up afterwards and to allow them to foul on a football pitch is extremely irresponsible."

"If the dog has not been wormed recently, their faeces can cause infection in an open cut or if it gets into the eye. There are stiff penalties for dog owners for this type of behaviour."

Dinas Rotary Club – where architecture and nature meet

LAST week, Dinas Powys Rotary Club welcomed Professor Richard Weston, Professor of Architecture at Cardiff University, who gave a fascinating talk on the work of the Dane Jørn Utzon, architect of Sydney Opera House.

Prof Weston subsequently wrote a book on Utzon, the Utzon Logbook series documents in detail his major works.

He also spoke on



Left to right: Rotary president David Wiltshire, Professor Richard Weston, Rotarians Aaron Watkins and John Edmonds.

changing attitudes to ceramic tiles, rugs and nature and architecture materials in architecture, jewellery. can change the face of a home.

Recently, he welcomed BBC viewers into his house to witness how Rotarian John Edmonds.

Introducing the Fairtrade Mad Hatters of Dinas Powys!

In a joint initiative between Dinas Powys Fairtrade group and Soul in Dinas, senior citizens spent an enjoyable Saturday morning with St Cyres art students and their teacher Emma Fisher, creating exotic hats, ready for display at the forthcoming Big Brew Event in Dinas Parish Hall on March 6.

Everyone was served a Fairtrade breakfast of tea, toast and marmalade.

Dinas Powys has gained Fairtrade village status from the Fairtrade Foundation



ABOVE: "HATS OFF TO YOU ALL!"

The Vale's new 'twinning' association will develop current friendship links

RESIDENTS and organisations across the area will be invited to apply for membership of a new organisation fostering links between the Vale and its twin and friendship towns.

Comprising 10 members, including two Vale councillors, the Vale of Glamorgan Twinning Association will promote, support and develop links with Fécamp (France), Mouscron (Belgium) and Rheinfelden (Germany) - the Vale's twin towns - and Jurbarkas

(Lithuania) and Neumarkt (Italy), with whom there are friendship pacts.

The Vale Council's cabinet has agreed a three-year funding package of £6,000 for the association, and council leader Coun Gordon Kemp, said:

"Twinning activities and events provide a great opportunity to develop cultural and economic links."

"A number of organisations, including Vale of Glamorgan Artists and Barry Ladies' Choir, and schools, have established links and have expressed an interest in forming a

twinning body."

"The council will host a meeting of interested parties as a prelude to the formation of the organisation, and Coun Kemp added:

"We would offer a venue for meetings and officer support, as appropriate, in the early stages but, in the longer term, it is envisaged that the association would become self-sustaining."

"Organisations across the area would be invited to apply to the association for funding towards any proposed exchange projects."

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Troops back St David's Day appeal as.... Local residents 'Go Red' to help the disadvantaged young



No 6 Platoon, First Battalion Royal Welsh show their support for the Prince's Trust Cymru's Go Red appeal.

LOCAL residents have been rallying to a campaign to help raise money for disadvantaged young people in Wales – by going red to mark St David's Day.

Barry junior school, St Helen's RC, was just one of those taking part in the Wales-wide annual appeal, Go Red, organised by youth charity the Prince's Trust Cymru, which helps fund practical and finan-

cial support for young people help them get back into work, education or training.

"This year, the Trust is hoping to raise £10,000 by encouraging people to make contributions and fundraise by dressing in red for the day, making red cakes, or taking part in red-themed," said Rick Libbey, director of the Prince's Trust Cymru.

"Helping young people to develop their skills, confidence and motivation is crucial to

get them back into work or education. By simply raising money through red-themed activities, all of the organisations are helping young people in Wales get back on their feet."

Rick Libbey continues: "Every year, we need £3 million to carry out our work in Wales, all of which we raise from voluntary sources."

"It is only through fundraising initiatives such as Go Red that we are able to help so many disadvantaged young

people in Wales.

"We are very grateful to those who agreed to take part in this year's appeal, and we hope that the activities will inspire even more people to get patriotic and Go Red!"

"Importantly, any money raised in Wales will stay in Wales to help young people to turn their lives around."

For more information about The Prince's Trust or to take part in Go Red please visit www.princes-trust.org.uk/go_red.

St David's Day in the language of the Bible

by ALFRED MILLS

DURING Mr WGA Turner's reign as manager of Aberthaw and Rhosoe Cement Works, he suggested a periodical about the works plans and activities would give pleasure.

The welfare officer, the late Mr John Malings, was entrusted to edit *The Channel* and be responsible for its success or otherwise.

It proved a great success and more than 110 issues were printed.

Mr Malings occasionally penned 'The Chronicles of the Scribe' in a few issues, using biblical language.

This particular one relates to St David's Day and the reaction of 'The King' to the missing daffodils...

And it came to pass in those days that the king commanded his servants saying: Let us make our abode a thing of beauty. Command that flowers appear upon our windows that all may enjoy them.

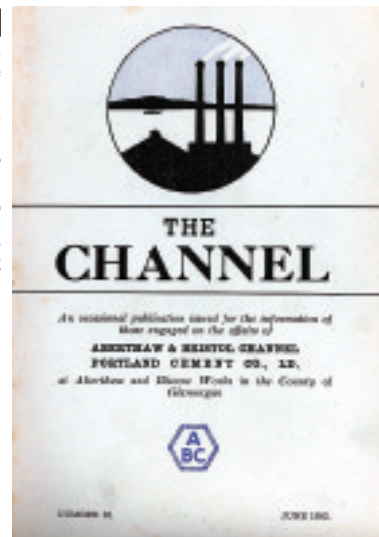
And his servants spake unto those which worked with iron and were skilled in the use of metals, saying: Make us now boxes of iron that we may fit them to the windows. And it was done.

Then were the boxes sent unto those which tilled the ground, and they filled them with bulbs, even with daffodils, so that the boxes overflowed. Then was the king pleased, and awaited the coming of the spring with joy.

And it came to pass that upon the last day of the month, even the month of February, three blooms appeared. Now the next day was a feast day, and the king arose, saying: Let us now see our blooms, whether they have prospered. And behold, they were gone.

Then was the king exceeding wrath, and his countenance was changed, and he sent for the damsel which played upon the typewriter and said unto her: Issue now an edict and have it copied many times, and distribute it among the people. Thus and thus shall ye write unto them:

Thus saith the king, that sitteth upon the throne: Who hath dared to put forth his hand and pluck the flowers which the king commanded to be planted? He shall verily be cast into outer darkness if he be taken.



Then certain of his servants spake softly unto him, saying: O my lord the king, let not they countenance be changed, neither take the matter thus to heart. Hath the king forgotten that it is the feast of St David? Peradventure one of thy servants hath taken the blooms as an offering.

Did we not have many roses last year and not one of them was taken? Now, we pray thee, speak softly unto thy servants; per-adventure it was a driver of one of the chariots which deliver thy goods for thee, and not one of thine own servants.

So the heart of the king was softened and a gentle edict was issued, that the flowers were for all to enjoy and not for one to pick. And the flowers bloomed exceedingly so that they were good to look upon, and thus they remained many days.

Local historian Alfred Mills (aged 98) lives in Barry and is a regular GEM contributor.

Llandough inspection was followed by ward closure

A SNAP inspection at Llandough Hospital led to the closure of a ward because of poor cleanliness.

The "unannounced cleanliness spot check" was carried out by staff from the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW).

The inspectors called during refurbishment work at the hospital and found that "the general standards of cleanliness in the public corridors was poor and cluttered, with equipment and beds which were visibly dusty."

The inspectors went on to say that all the operating theatres, anaesthetic rooms and recovery areas were found to have "an acceptable standard of cleanliness."

However, some wards visited were found to have a poor standard of cleanliness, with high levels of dust, and issues in relation to estates were also identified.

The inspectors went on: "On ward East 8, we raised concerns in relation to the progress of an action plan, issued in May 2009, to address cleanliness and infection control issues."

"Following our visit, ward East 8 was closed for refurbishment. We have been assured that the issues identified will be addressed as soon as possible."

In a joint statement, University Health Board chair, David Francis, and chief executive, Jan Williams said: "Cardiff and Vale University Health Board accepts in full the findings of the report published by Health Inspectorate Wales, following its unannounced cleanliness spot check at Llandough University Hospital in November 2009."

"We were disappointed that the standards of cleanliness found by the inspection team at the hospital were unacceptable and took immediate steps, including the closure of one ward (East 8) in order to make improvements."

"We are particularly disappointed that this failure, coming so soon after the new health board's formation, detracts from all the excellent work that is being done by our staff, day in and day out."

The statement continued: "We are determined that the cleanliness standards for our hospitals and clinics

will be among the best, and the board is investing in a rolling programme of refurbishment at Llandough, encompassing both individual wards and the hospital more generally."

They added that more staff training would take place, and that an action plan had been put in place to tackle the HIW criticisms.

The statement concluded: "We give our full commitment to patients, staff and the public that we will not tolerate sub-standard levels of cleanliness at any of our hospitals or other premises."

Plaid call for St David's Day bank holiday

DR IAN JOHNSON, Plaid Cymru parliamentary candidate for the Vale, has called for a St David's Day Bank Holiday to be introduced.

Dr Johnson said: "March 1 is a special day for us in Wales and it should be a national celebration recognised by an official Bank Holiday."

"The United Kingdom, with eight days of bank holiday, has the lowest in the European Union, while the average across the 27 countries is between 11.5 and 12.5 days of bank holidays per year. Some have as many as 18."

"In Scotland, the Scottish Government gives workers the right to choose between taking a day off on St Andrew's Day, or a different holiday, while in Northern Ireland, there are two additional bank holidays more than the rest of the UK – a St Patrick's Day holiday and the 12th of July, the celebration of the Battle of the Boyne."

"Why is it that we are not allowed to hold a similar celebration here?"

FOOTNOTE: Should St David's Day be a national holiday in Wales? If you have a view, write to The GEM at the address given on page 2.

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LEFT:
The ceremony was concluded with a musical performance from the talented pupils who comprise Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc choir.



ABOVE:
Father and son – Mr Alwyn Evans, Gwynfor's son, with the bust.

PHOTOGRAPHS by JOHN O'BEIRNE

G W Y N F O R EVANS, Plaid Cymru's first member of parliament who died in 2005, now has a memorial in the town of his birth.

On Sunday, February 28, a bronze memorial was unveiled of the famous patriot in Barry Library, King's Square. The work of Llanuwchllyn sculptor John Meirion Morris, the plinth was designed and made by Ray Smith, who worked in the National History Museum at St Fagans. Ewryn Ogwen Williams composed the wording of the inscription. (See end of article).

The work was commissioned by a small committee formed by Mrs Gwenno Huws, former deputy head at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Barry – "It pained me to see that there was nothing whatsoever in Barry to remember one of the town's most well-known sons and one of Wales' leading statesmen."

"When I retired in July last year, I saw my chance to do something about it, so I set about establishing a fund to raise money for a fitting memorial to him."

"I'm very grateful to Mr Alwyn Deiniol, Mr Geraint Evans, Mr Dilyn Griffith and Mrs Mai Marley for all their support," she added.

Enough money was raised at Mrs Huws'

retirement to fund the work. In a farewell concert to her in July, disc jockey Aled Wyn Phillips and some of Wales' best-known artists – Y Tebot Piws, Heather Jones, Sioned Mair, Grug, Elen Rhys and Brigyn – gave their time, free of charge, to raise funds.

Sunday's ceremony was conducted by Mr Dilyn Griffith, head teacher at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

The memorial was officially unveiled by Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas, President of the National Assembly for Wales, who said:

"As a recent arrival in the Vale of Glamorgan, I am particularly honoured to be able to unveil this memorial, a bust of Gwynfor Evans, here in Barry, the town where he was born and brought up."

"Although he was a parliamentary candidate in Meirionnydd, and a number of other constituencies before succeeding in Carmarthen, he never lost sight of his vision of a united Wales where different areas and communities all contribute to the life of the nation – with the Welsh language, in the form of effective bilingualism, as a resource belonging to us all."

"It is wonderful that Barry has seen extremely successful Welsh medium schools established. No doubt the lively and varied commercial and social life of Barry influ-



ABOVE:
On the left, John Meirion Morris, the sculptor and Ray Smith, the carpenter

LEFT:
Members of the committee which commissioned the work – Gwenno Huws, Geraint Evans, Mai Marley and Dilyn Griffith.

enced Gwynfor's classless view of society and his strong principles of equality."

The memorial was received on behalf of the residents of Barry by Coun Gordon Kemp, leader of the Vale Council.

The guest speaker was Professor Gareth Williams of the University of Glamorgan, who said: "I'm honoured to say that I, like Gwynfor, am from Barry and am a product of Barry County School."

The ceremony closed with musical performances by the choir of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, accompanied by Mrs Delwen Williams on the piano and the soloists was Mrs Menna Roberts.

The bilingual inscription by Ewryn Ogwen Williams, which appears under the bust, reads:

Asbri'r gwladgarwr a'i ysbryd

yw'n rhodd ni o'r Barri i'r byd.

His inspiration, like our banner unfurled, is a gift from Barry to Wales and the world.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE in brief

Cancer coffee morning

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will be holding their monthly coffee morning in aid of Breast Cancer Care on Saturday, March 6 and invite everyone to join them in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, for tea/coffee and cake between 10.30am-1pm. Admission £2.

Vale AM's surgery
THE Vale Assembly Member, Jane Huft, will be holding a surgery at 115 High Street, Barry, on Saturday, March 6 from 10am-12noon. No appointment necessary.

Please call the constituency office on 01446 740981 for more information.

Ward surgery
VALE councillors for the Gibbonsdown

ward, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Monmouth Way/Slade Road/Orchard Rise area on Saturday, March 6, between 4pm-5pm.

Art and family
THREE Penarth artists will stage an exhibition at the Norwegian Church in Cardiff Bay on March 6-14, as part of the Women's Arts Association's celebration of International Women's Day.

Using her garden as a backdrop, Pauline Williams' acrylic paintings depict her children at different ages of their lives.

Shirley Anne Owen recalls watching her sons grow up to adulthood by making a large composite work based on family photographs.

Kay Keogh relates her work to a French poem by Guillaume Apollinaire. She devises her paintings in a narrative storyboard about motherhood.

Valeways walks
SUNDAY, March 7 at 2.30pm Pobl y Cwm walk at St Peter's Church, Peterston super Ely (ST 083764).

Tuesday, March 9, 1.30pm walk at Barry Island headland walk.

Start at the first aid post, Barry Island promenade.

Wednesday, March 17 at 1.30pm, Plas Llanmihangel Valley starting opposite.

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Sunday 14th March

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MOTHERS' DAY falls on Sunday, March 14 this year – so with this reminder there's no excuse not to make a fuss of the person who has invested more emotion into your life than anyone else!

Don't wake up on Mother's Day and think: "I wish I'd booked that meal out today," only to discover that everywhere is already booked solid. Of course, you don't have to take Mum out specifically for a Sunday meal, but mothers do appreciate a day out with their sons or daughters, rather than a box of chocolates brought to the house.

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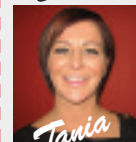
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There will be specialist dealers, antique dolls, Swansea and Nantgarw China, stamps and postcards, Sally Tuffin pieces, among them a rare Black Tiger Vase limited edition of 10 (this being No 4), militaria, Victoriana, Ditchfield Glass, plus other collectable glass, furniture, paintings and prints, clocks and books, jewellery, many excellent stands, something for everyone!

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Tonne of litter is collected after Five-Mile Lane 'blitz'

A TONNE of litter has been removed during a cleaning 'blitz' on one of the Vale's major roads, the borough council reports.

"A 'Magnificent Seven' team from the council's waste management and cleansing division collected the litter - approximately 80 orange bags - during a full day stint along Five-Mile Lane," a spokesperson said.

As well as food wrappers and general litter, the team removed items such as a garden table and chairs and fridge freezers.

The Vale Council cabinet member for visible and building services, Coun Geoff Cox, said:

"As usual, the team has done a thorough job



and worked exceptionally hard, but there really is no excuse for littering.

"It is sheer laziness that people feel it is easier to throw things out of their vehicle window rather than take it home to be recycled, composted or binned."

ABOVE:
Litter picking team members are pictured at Five-Mile Lane with Coun Geoff Cox (left) and cleansing superintendent Tony Spear.

Tories deny Labour claims that they don't want Defence College

ALUN CAIRNS, Conservative candidate for the Vale, has refuted a fresh Labour claim that a future Tory government would jeopardise thousands of jobs earmarked for the Defence College at St Athan.

Alana Davies, his Labour opponent, claimed at the Welsh Labour Party conference that the Conservative Party does not want to see the construction of the £12 billion Defence Technical College (DTC) because of knock-on effects on mil-

itary sites in eight Tory constituencies in England.

She said the construction of the college would impact on sites at Arborfield, Bordon, HMS Collingwood, Cosford, RAF Cranwell, RAF Digby and HMS Sultan.

She added that the areas are all represented by Conservative MPs including John Redwood, Douglas Hogg QC and James Arbuthnot MP - Chair of the Commons' Defence Select Committee.

Ms Davies said: "Make no mistake about it, it would be absolutely disastrous if the

Conservatives got into power and pulled the plug on the Defence Technical College after all the hard work that has gone into this.

"David Cameron has repeatedly declined to unequivocally support the St Athan project and only commits to a Strategic Defence Review.

"What good is that going to do the people of the Vale?"

"I believe the main reason why he won't back it is because he knows it is unpopular with several of his Conservative colleagues who are not happy with work being transferred from their constituencies to south Wales.

"I urge the Conservatives to commit to this record investment, instead of half-hearted statements from David Cameron and Cheryl Gillan," Ms Davies concluded.

But Alun Cairns

rebutted the claims and pointed out that in The GEM on January 14, he had said David Cameron was on the record as saying that everyone wanted the DTC to go ahead.

Commenting on the Labour claim, Mr Cairns said:

"This is completely untrue and my Labour opponent knows it. They are being dishonest and are treating people like fools.

"The GEM recently published our clear position in support of the Defence Academy.

"David Cameron is on record as having said that we are in favour in principle and in practice.

"I have been working closely with Metrix to ensure that they respond to local issues in the interests of the immediate communities.

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00156/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Renewal of application 2005/00104/FUL for new dwelling
Location/Leoliad: 3, Bridgeman Road, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00161/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Extension and alterations to dwelling as amendments to 2007/00137/FUL
Location/Leoliad: The Old Rectory, Bonvilston
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2010/00164/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Conservatory to front
Location/Leoliad: Greystones, Flemingston
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Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

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Proposal/Cynnig: Extension to barn
Location/Leoliad: Rear of Willow Cottage, Treose

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS, 1999

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Local Planning Authority, has determined the following application(s), having taken into account the information contained within the

Environmental Impact Assessment accompanying the application(s):

2009/00021/FUL

Land accessed off of Atlantic Way within Barry Docks, Barry

Change of use from B2 - General Industrial Use to Sui Generis - Waste Use which would include operational development in the form of the construction of a gasification waste to energy plant for non-hazardous waste
Approved 23 December, 2009

Land at and adjoining MoD St. Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from the B4265 at Boverton in the west to Castleton Farm, St Athan, in the east, and from north of the runway and north of Castleton Road at St Athan in the south to land at the northern end of the MoD St Athan site at Picketston and up to Flemingston Road, St Athan, in the north; together with land adjoining the B4265 near Gileston and land at Waycock Cross, Barry

Development of a Defence Technical College and associated facilities and works, including 483 Service Families' Accommodation dwellings, military external and field training areas, the alteration and reconfiguration of St Athan golf course, a hotel, an energy centre, improved parking and servicing facilities for the existing spar shop on Eglwys Brewis Road, the provision of a new access road and other associated highway works and improvements, including a garage for Rose Cottage, and all associated ancillary building, sports, community, ecological mitigation and enhancement, engineering, landscaping, means of enclosure and other works.
Approved 1 December, 2009

2009/00501/OUT

Land at and adjoining the Aerospace Business Park at St. Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from land adjacent to the B4265 at Boverton in the west to land adjacent to Cowbridge Road, St Athan in the east, and from the B4265 at Batslays in the south to land north of Boverton Brook in the north; together with land adjoining the B4265 near Gileston and land at Waycock Cross, Barry
Development at and adjoining the Aerospace Business Park, including: the erection of new and replacement buildings, airfield operational facilities and structures; the provision of access roads, hard standings and other infrastructure; security fencing; landscape and ecological works; garage for Rose Cottage; all associated building and engineering works; and related highway improvements
Approved 1 December, 2009

Land at Pant Quarry, St. Brides Major
Retrospective planning application to regularise past mineral extraction and associated operations
Approved 5 February, 2010

Hensol Castle, Miskin, Pendoylan
Proposed amendments to comprehensive mixed use redevelopment including conversion and extension of castle as hotel, conversion of ward blocks to residential use and restoration of walled garden
Approved 15 January, 2010

Documents and details of the decision, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based may be inspected free of charge in the Planning Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Offices, Barry Docks, Barry. CF63 4RT during normal office hours.

Dated: 4 March, 2010
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Head of Planning and Transportation
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Local quiz and walk will boost Kidney Wales

A SPECIAL evening is being held at the Park Hotel on Friday, March 12 to raise money for the Kidney Wales Barry Walk for Life.

Gaynor Taylor told The GEM: "We're inviting people to join us at 7.30pm.

"We are holding a quiz night to boost the fundraising towards the Kidney Wales Barry Walk for Life.

"This night was a really fun night last year and helped us exceed our goal of £2,000 for the 2009 Walk for Life.

"Our target this year is £2,500. People can come along and have a fun night and can collect their sponsorship form for the walk at the same

time.

"This year's Barry Walk for Life is on Sunday, March 28, at 11.30am and registration starts at 11am."

The Taylor family organise the walk as an annual tribute to Mr John Taylor, Gaynor's husband, who died on the morning of the 2006 walk, and to his son Richard Taylor, whose organs were donated to other people after his tragic accidental death in 2004.

Gaynor added: "Kidney Wales has now started the Donor Card Scheme and played a large part in the investigation of the Organ Donor Register.

"I would encourage people to register."

'Give more help to small businesses' - Plaid AM urges

VALE-based Plaid AM Chris Franks has called for a Venture Capital Fund, led by the UK Treasury, to help small local firms.

"I am calling for a Venture Capital Fund by the UK Treasury to help small firms.

Welsh entrepreneurs are sometimes unable to turn their ideas into sustainable business opportunities because of a lack of sufficient venture capital funds in Wales."

In the Senedd, he called on the First Minister to discuss with

Ministers in London setting up a Venture Capital Fund to help small local firms.

The South Wales Central AM added: "Plaid wants the business environment in Wales to be far more helpful for Welsh companies."

Blood donors
THE Welsh Blood Service will hold donor sessions in the area next month.

Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, Tuesday, April 13, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

Telephone 0800 252266, or visit www.welshblood.org.uk

LATCH will benefit from Barry Lions' charity fashion show

BARRY Lions Club is holding a charity fashion show at the Mount Sorrel Hotel to raise funds for LATCH – the Welsh children's cancer charity.

The president of Barry Lions, Mrs Nanette Langford, told The GEM: "We wanted to support LATCH because it is a deserving charity that is not highlighted as much as some others."

"The show is being held on March 20 at 7pm, and will feature fashions by Julie T of Penarth."

"Both formal and casualware will be on display and there are 70 tickets available."

It is the first time Barry Lions have held a fashion show, but they have a good record in living up to the organisation's motto 'We serve' by responding to both local and international causes.



LEFT: David and Nanette Langford.

to enable parents to stay overnight to be near their children.

In 2005, it relocated to the Children's Hospital for Wales and accommodation was once again arranged for parents, brothers and sisters to be able to remain close to loved ones.

Sian emphasised: "LATCH has no paid fundraisers, just an administration assistant in the hospital in Cardiff. All the money raised goes directly to help the children and families in need."

Julie T fashion shop in Penarth will be giving a 10 per cent discount to anyone who produces a ticket from the show.

For more information, telephone 0845 833 6742.

Nanette's husband David, a former president of the local branch himself, said: "We recently held an ABBA night at the Old School in Sully for Haiti, which included a cabaret and meal, and raised £1,000."

During the LATCH evening, Sian Howell, a trustee of the charity, will give a talk on the charity's work.

Sian said: "My daughter Bethan, who died in 1988, has featured on the charity's posters and became the face of LATCH."

"I became involved with the charity because they were so good to us, and I could see the good they were doing for other people too."

LATCH aims to ease the burden for families at a particularly stressful time in their lives. In its early years, it was located in Llandough Hospital with bungalows provided

Howell's School students are on way to Oxbridge

STUDENTS at Howell's School Sixth Form College are celebrating a mass exodus to Oxbridge.

Piers Kennedy (18) will be heading to St Peter's College, Oxford, to read music, where he has also been awarded a choral scholarship.

Jasper Warner, who has a place to read philosophy, politics and economics at St Hilda's College, is currently taking a gap year.

He gained grade As last summer in history, maths and physics at A-Level and a distinction in the advanced extension award in history to add to his As in AS biology and critical thinking taken the previous year.

He represented Wales in the World Debating Championships in Athens, where he was ranked in the world's top 10 debaters, and he was also a member of a group



Back left to right: Rachel Patel, Ellen Brookes, Rachel Thomas, Joseph Thorne. Front from left: Piers Kennedy, Eleanor Richardson, Camille Iverson, Anna Sambrook.

of four students from Howell's selected to represent the UK at the Junior 8 summit in Tokyo which ran parallel to the G8 summit.

Others who have had offers from Oxford are Camille Iverson (18), who will read law at St Hugh's College, Rachel Patel (17), who has a

place at University College to read medicine, Anna Sambrook (17), who will study German at Trinity College and Joseph Thorne (17), who will head to Corpus Christi College to read English.

Successful applicants to Cambridge University are Ellen Brookes (18), who will study natural sciences at Sidney Sussex College, Eleanor Richardson (18), who has a place at Magdalene College to read classics and Rachel Thomas (18), who has been accepted at Murray Edwards College to study for a degree in medicine.

SULLY BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS



The A team ladies with a combined age of more than 720 years and all still as sharp as the proverbial!

SULLY Bridge Club results for February 22 are as follows:

N/S – First, Pat Evans/Jayne Greatrex; Second, Brian Gardner/Pam Allen;

Third, Roger Cradick/Derek Taylor. E/W – First, Bunty Wiseman/Trish Tracy; Second, Anne Macdougall/Anne Hilary Jones; Third, Eileen Hughes/Tony Hall.

Wednesday, February 24: N/S – First, Pat Evans/Roger Cradick; Second, Betty Lewis/Trish Tracy; third, Ann Williams/Marilyn Jones.

E/W – First, Peter Blackwell/Tony Hall, Vaughan Shepherd/Brenda Shepherd; Third, Anne Johns/Eileen Hughes.

NEWS FROM THE BARRIVALE BRIDGE

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

Tuesday, February 9. Club mixed pairs championship, session two:

First, Noelle Bond and Mark Roderick with 65.63 per cent. Second were Diana Kendrick and Dave Thomas (58.93). Third were Jane Brook and Mike Close (55.95).

Handicap winners were Diana Kendrick and Dave Thomas.

Club Mixed pairs championship result:

First, Mark Roderick and Noelle Bond (62.31); second, Jane Brook and Mike Close (54.22); third, Huw Thomas and Celia Thomas (51.38).

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Ryan and David both

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Both Ryan and David sat nervously alongside the pilot to experience the sensation of flying, and also the effects of g-

forces on the body. David not only enjoyed the flight, but also found out for himself how to fly the aircraft under the supervision of the pilot.

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Several Cadets were also given an opportunity to see the world upside down, experiencing the thrills of stomach churning aerobatics!

The Cadets who flew were: David Singleton, Ryan Andrews, Marcus Cocks and Jermaine King.



Ryan Andrews gives the thumbs up.

372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall). Telephone 01446 747734 or email 372@aircadets.org

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Vale AM Jane Hutt pictured at the Chinese New Year workshop at Art Central, Barry.

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A GREAT time was enjoyed by all those who took part in Wendy Chong's Chinese New Year workshop, where children made an impressive range of lanterns and decorations in Barry's Art Central at the library in King Square.

Vale AM Jane Hutt came to view the artwork and congratulated all those who had made these half term workshops so popular.

VWBN award winner to be named at Senedd

JOIN us at the Oriol Gallery in the Senedd, Cardiff Bay to hear the name of the winner of the VWBN's first 'Spirit of Giving Business and Community Award' announced by the business network's patron Jane Hutt AM.

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TRAVOLTA'S PARISIAN ADVENTURE IS FUN, HUGELY DAFT AND TOTALLY OVER THE TOP!

JOHNN TRAVOLTA's career has had more ups and downs than the average Welsh Six Nations campaign: having blasted into public consciousness with the double whammy of *Grease* and *Saturday Night Fever*, he proceeded to mix up his bigger roles with such underrated fare as *Urban Cowboy* and

Blow Out.

However, as Travolta's profile increased, so did his inability to pick the right projects; the likes of the *Look Who's Talking* franchise attesting to this.

Quentin Tarantino gave his career a shot in the arm with *Pulp Fiction*, and since then Travolta has managed to make the good (*Face/Off*), the bad (*Domestic Disturbance*) and the downright ugly (*Battlefield Earth*) as his career pinballs from highs to lows.

His latest film, *From*

Paris With Love, sees him play Charlie Wax, an unconventional American spy who is teamed with James Reece (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), an employee of the US ambassador's office, who has ambitions of becoming a top-level spy.

As the pair try to work their way up the ladder of a drugs ring, James finds he has to put his life into the hands of Charlie, whose unorthodox attitude may prove more hindrance than help...

The career trajectory

of John Travolta could also be applied to Luc Besson. Once one of cinema's most visionary directors, with the likes of *The Big Blue*, *Nikita* and *Leon* on his CV, he has spent the majority of the ten years or so writing and producing films of questionable quality, from the daftly enjoyable *Taxi* franchise to the weak *Unleashed*.

His most notable recent success, however, was with the guiltily superb *Taken*, and he teams up with that film's director, Pierre Morel, here, with Besson on producing duties and also being the creator of the film's story.

However, those hoping for more of the same with *From Paris With Love* will only be slightly sated; for while the wanton violence and action is ramped up in a similar fashion, there is far less to grab onto here, making it a ludicrously fun, if ultimately redundant slice of cinema.

One that isn't lacking is John Travolta, whose performance here might not be the most nuanced and subtle of turns, but it certainly fits into the fizzy nature of the film.

Sporting a bald head and a goatee beard, he reins in the more OTT tics of his character in

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

The Taking of Pelham 123, and instead delivers a high-octane turn, low on subtlety, but big on dominating the screen.

Travolta's turn is big, with little in the way of 'quiet moments' that offer any depth to the character. When we first meet him, he is berating customs officials with wildly colourful language, and when we leave him, he is more or less the same character; there are no life lessons to be learned here.

Travolta, though, looks like he's having a whale of a time with the character, and that certainly is conveyed on screen, with the actor looking enthused and invigorated.

The same can't quite be said of Jonathan Rhys Meyers, who at least keeps up with Travolta while having little of his co-star's impact.

The actor is saddled with by far the duller role, and given that his performances often lack any palpable charisma, he at least offers a turn that more than matches that on the page and proves to be a superb foil to Travolta's wilder turn.

Director Pierre Morel certainly knows his way around an action set-piece, and *From Paris With Love* is littered with them, the shoot-outs and car chases not overly pushing the envelope but still executed with a wonderful dollop of chutzpah and style.

Certainly, the violence is laddled on thickly, but it is the norm for films of this type of genre. Indeed, come the final act's misplaced moralising on the importance of one life against a thousand, and whether violence begets violence, you are begging for a shoot-out to bring things back to excitement.

It is another assured outing for Morel following *Taken*, and will be interesting to see where he will be going from here, as he may be able to shoot bangs and

crashes with aplomb; but when given a strong narrative hopefully he can maintain his focus, as this film has only the flimsiest of narrative premises.

While Luc Besson came up with the story, it was Adi Hasak who brought it to screen, and while he may have an inventive mind when it comes to the countless action moments, he doesn't waste much time on the story, with a plot twist that, though hardly telegraphed, isn't all that original either.

However, Hasak does deserve the tip of the hat for including a line for Travolta referencing a 'Royale with cheese', harking back to *Pulp Fiction* with a sly nod.

While not a cinematic highpoint (but was it ever going to be), *From*

Paris With Love is still a hugely serviceable and enjoyable action film that is perfect 'leave-your-brain-at-the-door' fodder.

With a slight hint to further adventures for Charlie Wax, another trip to Paris wouldn't be so bad at all.

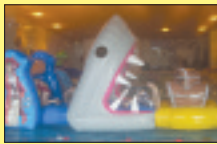
VERDICT - Hugely daft, incredibly over the top, yet shot through with enough high octane and enjoyment that it makes for an entertaining viewing. John Travolta's scenery-chewing spy gives the film a lively enough focal point, while Pierre Morel's way with a set-piece means that *From Paris With Love* is a film that you will forget about in the morning, but will be infinitely happier having taken in. *Enjoyable.*

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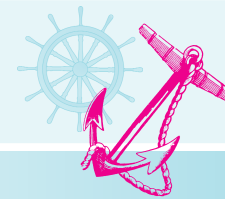


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Out and About with The GEM

The Welsh Guards are on parade...

THE 1st Battalion Welsh Guards is taking part in parades across Wales this month, after returning to their base in Aldershot, from a six-month tour of Afghanistan.

The first parade in Cardiff today (March 4) also sees the launch of Armed Forces Day 2010, with the Welsh capital city having the privilege of being the national host.

On March 16, the Welsh Guards will parade through the centre of Bridgend.

In the summer of 2009, the Guards took part in some of the fiercest fighting Helmand has seen, in support of 19 Brigade during Operation Panther's Claw.

A spokesperson said: "The tour was not without sacrifice and their fallen comrades: Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Thomeloe, Major Sean Burchill, Lieutenant Mark Evison, Lance Corporal Dane

Elson, Lance Sergeant Tobie Fasfous, Private John Brackpool (attached to Welsh Guards) and Guardsman Christopher King (attached to Welsh Guards) will never be forgotten."

The Welsh Guards' itinerary on March 16 in Bridgend:

● 12.30pm step off at Recreation Centre, Angel Street to Civic Centre,

The Rhiw, Queen Street, Caroline Street, Adare Street, Market Street, Queen Street, The Rhiw, Angel Street to Recreation Centre.

● 12.50pm Salute Point - Barclays Bank Queens Street.

● 1.15pm Finish Point - Recreation Centre.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 607.

● £2000: 626038.

● The rollover, which now stands at £3,500 was not claimed this week.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Your chance to win some fabulous books!

TO celebrate Give a Book Week and World Book Day today (March 4), the Glamorgan GEM is joining forces with the Welsh Books Council and giving four lucky readers a selection of free books!

Give a Book Week, organised by the Welsh Books Council to celebrate World Book Day, aims to encourage everyone across Wales to give a book as a gift to family, friends and colleagues, thus sharing the gift of reading.

We have two adult prizes and two children's prizes available. All you have to do, to enter is send your name, address and contact telephone number along with which prize you wish to be considered for - adult or children's - as well as



Six Nations Songbook.

stating if you would like English or Welsh-language books.

Send your entries, marked 'Book Day Competition', to The Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL.

The closing date is March 12, the judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Good luck!

HISTORY TALK

THE Dinas Powys History Society will meet on March 9 in the Kynance Church Hall at 7.30pm when Dr Jonathan Hicks will give a talk and show slides on Barry and the Second World War.

For further information, contact programme secretary, Jan Gray on 01446 701273.

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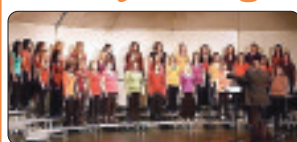
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Win Girlguiding stamps in a great competition

GUIDES and brownies across Wales are celebrating 100 years of Girl Guiding by giving their stamp of approval to Royal Mail's philatelic tribute.

Young girls who attend weekly meetings of the movement in venues across Wales, have been helping Royal Mail launch the latest set of commemorative stamps Girlguiding UK issued this month.

Readers of The Glamorgan GEM can win themselves and their young Guiding families

Mayor's charity coffee morning

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's charity coffee morning on behalf of St John Council, is being held at the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, March 9 from 10.30am-12noon.

All proceeds will go to the St John charity.

a set of the special stamp presentation packs to keep and cherish in our Royal Mail competition.

The stamps highlight the four age-groups of the organisation and celebrate the challenges, activities and games undertaken by youngsters at regular meetings held all over Wales and the rest of the UK.

All you have to do to enter the competition is answer the following question: How many

years of Girlguiding are being celebrated?

A 100 years; B 50 years; C 10 years?

Send your entries on a postcard, marked 'Girlguiding competition', to The Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, no later than Friday, March 12.

Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into - good luck!



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Cinema for Spring

Time Travellers Wife (PG) 107 mins. Eric Bana, Rachel McAdams, Arliss Howard. Tues 9 March, Wed 10 March 1.30pm, 7.30pm. ■ Dorian Gray (15) 112 mins. Colin Firth, Emilia Fox. Tues 16 March, Wed 17 March 1.30pm, 7.30pm. ■ Amelia (PG) 111 mins. Hilary Swank, Richard Gere, Christopher Eccleston, Ewan McGregor. Tuesday 13 April, Wed 14 April. 1.30pm, 7.30pm. ■ Bright Star (PG) 119 mins. Ben Whishaw, Abbie Cornish, Kerry Fox, Paul Schneider. Tues 27 April, Wed 28 April. 1.30pm, 7.30pm.



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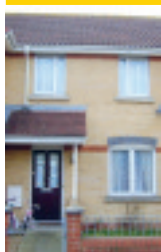
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Take notice that application is being made by Mr Martin Dodwell to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for planning permission for: Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended). Change of use to residential curtilage and erection of boundary wall.
Application No. 2010/00030/FUL.
Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RT within 21 days of the date of this notice.
Signed: Mr Martin Dodwell
Date 04/03/2010

Gareth Jones are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £70,000 for 12 Beverley Street, Barry CF63 2HR. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Gareth Jones, 85 High Street, Barry CF62 7DX. Tel: 01446 744812 before exchange of contracts.

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Notice to Members of Bridgend Lifesavers' Credit Union Limited
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held on Monday, 29th March 2010 at 7pm at Sarn Lifelong Learning and Community Centre, CF32 9SW.
Nomination forms and further details available by contacting 01656 724895
Martin Hughes, Secretary, on behalf of Board of Directors

Engagements

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High Street celebrates our saint's day with Welsh songs and poetry



Year-6 pupils from High Street Primary. .

MONDAY March 1 was a special day in High Street – St David's Day – when choirs of Ysgol St Baruc and year-6 of High Street Primary School performed a medley of Welsh songs and poems in front of a crowd of proud parents and shoppers.

After the entertainment, Steve Powell and Mathew Wilson of Barry's radio station, Bro Radio, had the unenviable task of judging the best dressed Welsh girl and boy.

The happy winners were presented with official Welsh rugby shirts for first place, with second and third place receiving signed posters of the Welsh rugby team and WRU key rings.

On behalf of High Street Traders, may I thank Ysgol St Baruc and High Street School (whose singing was wonderful!); Cubanans



ABOVE: In first place was Cerys Gee (with Welsh team shirt), with Katie Rosser second, and Jemima Whiffen in third.

for providing the electrics and facilities; the WRU for their posters and key rings; BroRadio for the judges; Jade Rhianna Hopkins for taking the photographs; Sharon and Helen (MJM Computers); and Sue (Nova); who helped to ensure everything went smoothly. Last, but not least, a big thank you to everyone who turned up; I hope you had a great time!

ANTHONY HOPKINS



Joshua Slatter shows off his Welsh shirt. (Thomas Palmer took second prize and Luciano Busiello was third).

Vale Schools under-11s dominate Merthyr with confident display

WITH the sun shining, the Vale Schools took on their counterparts from Merthyr on a field that in places resembled the Somme.

In spite of the conditions, both sides tried

to run the ball, but there were many handling errors by both sides.

The Vale forwards had the edge over the Merthyr pack and from a scrum on the 22, the ball was passed to Cai Evans.

He made a break but was tackled and the

ball was picked up by Joe Short, who ran in for a try, which was unconverted.

The Vale forwards continued to dominate upfront but bad handling and good tackling from Merthyr kept them at bay.

As the half drew to a close, Vale were awarded a penalty five metres out and from a quick tap and go, Spencer Robinson managed to stretch out and score. The try was converted by Cai Evans.

The second half started with the Vale forwards on top. From a line-out on the halfway line, Joe Short took the ball and drove upfield.

He was tackled on the 22, but laid the ball back for Owain Jenkins to pick up and drive as far as the five-metre line.

The ball was once again won by the forwards and passed along line to Cai Evans, who

broke through to score.

Merthyr picked up their game for a while but good tackling from the Vale backs kept them at bay.

It was inevitable that the Vale would score again and from a ruck on the halfway line, Joe Short picked up and broke through the defence to race away and score his second of the match.

From the kick-off, the Vale forwards went on a run that took them as far as the Merthyr five-metre line, and from the resulting ruck, Mitchell Smyth picked up and drove over for the try.

The final score was 31-0 to the Vale.

The Vale would like to thank Merthyr for travelling for the game and thank the parents who provided the food.

STEVE JONES

Hotel closure prompts Lib-Dem warning

THE Vale's Lib-Dem candidate has demanded greater support for struggling tourism businesses, following the closure of the Egerton Grey Hotel near Rhosce, which ceased trading earlier this month.

Eluned Parrott, who has a background in tourism marketing and works alongside tourism chiefs as a member of Cardiff Major Events Forum, has warned that without proper investment and a much more co-ordinated approach to marketing tourism in Wales, further closures are likely.

"The current financial crisis has hit high-quality tourism businesses very hard – hotels such as the Egerton Grey are reliant on short-break visitors, and the credit crunch has seen the market collapse completely.

"This sad news should be a wake-up call on tourism in Wales."

ORIENTAL DINER CELEBRATES THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

THE owners of the Oriental Diner on Broad Street, Barry, Sui and Robin Luo, celebrated Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger, in style on February 16.

Friends, family and local businesses were invited to an evening of spectacular entertainment and a complimentary buffet.

The sound of the gong and cymbals heralded the arrival of the Chinese tiger entering the restaurant from Broad Street, and it then proceeded to weave around the guests!

Entertainment throughout the evening included a stunning belly dancer and line singers. All drink sales were in aid of the Mayor's charity, and the final total raised was £620.

Photographs by FRANCIS KESTLE



ENTER THE DRAGON!



News from Barry Comprehensive School Former teacher is a stand up guy!

TOWARDS the end of January, iNet ran its termly meeting – but there was one difference to this teachers' meeting – students went too!

In a new initiative created to encourage the 'student voice', young people are being invited to network across Wales in order to improve learning and teaching.

Caelum Davies, one of the founder members of SALT (Student Action for Learning and Teaching), a student voice group who carry out research and observations in the school to give a student perspective on how to improve learning, represented Barry Comprehensive for the occasion.

Caelum worked with a large group of students to decide on ground rules for the

group's work and to agree on the aims of the iNet student group.

Caelum and his peers then had the job of giving feedback to an audience of headteachers and academics.

The general consensus was that the professionals should leave it to the experts – the students!

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The star attraction!
CHRIS CORCORAN is perhaps well-known to many in Barry as a former history teacher at Barry Comprehensive School.

More recently, he has been widely recognised as a Welsh comedian, television and radio presenter, whose TV credits include fronting the Six

Nations coverage for BBC Wales, 'Big Welsh Joke'.

He is also well known among younger viewers of the CBeebies show *Doodle Do*.

Recently, he offered to give his services free at the school to raise money for the forthcoming Sri Lanka visit by Sixth Form students.

He is currently

preparing for his own Welsh theatre tour and he certainly entertained the audience with his distinctive brand of humour.



Chris Corcoran takes the stage at Barry Comprehensive School.



Barry Comprehensive School representative Caelum Davies.



Caelum and his peers giving their views to headteachers and academics.

Penarth Olympic silver medallist recalls memory of days sailing off Barry

OLYMPIC silver medallist Ian Barker was at Barry Yacht Club's annual dinner recently to pay tribute to the work of the Barry Island club and share his memories of sailing from Barry.

The waters of the Bristol Channel had given him the best preparation for competing at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

World Championship-winning Ian started sailing when he was a schoolboy in Penarth and came second with partner Simon Hiscocks in the Sydney Harbour sailing event nine years ago.

He is currently coaching Britain's Olympic sailing team ahead of the London 2012



Celebrating Barry Yacht Club's annual dinner from left to right: Olympic medallist Ian Barker, Jane Hutt AM, Steve Tipples (commander of Barry Yacht Club), and Howard Metcalfe (commander-elect of Barry Yacht Club).

Games, when the sailing event will be held at Weymouth, near his home in Christchurch, Dorset. Also present, was Assembly Member Jane Hutt.

In coming to the end of his year of office,

Steve Tipples (club commander) said: "The club and its members have worked hard to welcome more new members, both for sailing and also social members, using our excellent clubhouse and

enjoying our extensive social programme."

Further details about Barry Yacht Club can be found at www.barry-yachtclub.co.uk or by calling Martin Biffin on 07796 491753.

Rhose Lifeguards win the Stillwater Wilkinson Sword

AT the recent Welsh Stillwater Championships held in the Olympic Pool, Swansea, Rhose Lifeguards, managed by Lee Perry, were overall Welsh Stillwater Champions and were presented with the Stillwater Wilkinson Sword.

This was achieved by the youth team gaining second place, the masters team third place and the seniors team first, and winning the Senior Trophy.

Rhose is the first team ever to hold both the Ocean and Stillwater Wilkinson Swords and also the Superclub Trophy in the same year.

Medal winners at the championships were:

YOUTH: Rowan Miller (under-14) - 3rd 50m Manikin; Lauren Williamson (under-14) - 1st obstacles, 2nd manikin fins, 3rd manikin tow; Dan Owen (under-16) - 3rd obstacles, 3rd 50m manikin; Luke Giddings (under-16) - 2nd 50m manikin, 1st Rescue Medley; Rhys Perry (under-19) - 3rd Obstacles, 3rd 50m Manikin, 3rd Manikin Fins, 3rd Rescue Medley, 2nd Super Lifesaver; Lucy Curtis (under-19) - 3rd Obstacles; Eloise Neighbour (under-19) - 2nd Super Lifesaver; Charlie Grandfield (under-19) - 2nd Obstacles, 2nd 50m Manikin, 1st Rescue Medley, 3rd Super Lifesaver; Lana Evans (under-19) - 1st Obstacles, 3rd 50m Manikin, 1st Manikin Fins, 1st Rescue Medley, 3rd Manikin Tow, 1st Super Lifesaver; Luis Evans (under-19) - 3rd Manikin Fins.



ABOVE: 'We are the champions!' - say Rhose lifeguards.

TEAM EVENTS: Under-16 Girls Rope Throw - 3rd; Under-19 Girls Relay - 3rd; Obstacle Relay, 3rd Manikin Relay, 2nd Medley Relay; Under-19 Boys Relay - 1st Obstacle Relay, 1st Manikin Relay, 1st Medley Relay; Under-16 Girls Relay - 2nd Obstacle Relay; Under-16 Boys Relay - 2nd Medley Relay.

SENIOR: Lana Evans - 1st Obstacles, 2nd 50m Manikin, 2nd Rescue Medley, 3rd Super Lifesaver; Open Ladies Rope Throw - 1st and 2nd; Ladies Relay - 3rd Obstacle Relay, 3rd Manikin Relay, 3rd Medley Relay; Men's Relay - 3rd Manikin Relay.

MASTERS: Simon Parker - 2nd Rescue Medley, 1st Manikin Tow; Karen O'Donoghue-Harris - 1st Obstacles, 2nd 50m Manikin, 2nd Manikin Fins, 1st Manikin Tow; Dave Cooper - 1st Obstacles, 3rd 50m Manikin, 1st Rescue Medley; Sarah Bryant - 3rd 50m Manikin; Janine Cordy - 3rd Obstacles; 30+ Ladies Rope Throw -

1st; 30+ Masters Relay - 3rd Manikin Relay, 2nd Medley Relay; 40+ Masters Relay - 3rd Obstacle Relay, 2nd Manikin Relay, 1st Medley Relay.

The medal haul was 19 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze, 62 medals in total.

Congratulations to all members that competed and to Lee Perry for managing the team.

Chinese New Year

On February 13, Rhose Lifeguards celebrated the Year of the Tiger with a Chinese New Year Dinner at the Stewart Road Community Centre in Rhose.

More than 100 guests enjoyed a fantastic three-course Chinese meal prepared and cooked by members of the fundraising committee and friends.

The evening was a huge success with entertainment provided by the fantastic magician and entertainer Frank E Haschka, who provided close-up table magic and an on-stage act throughout the evening. A disco

and games were provided for the children, courtesy of club members Tim and Gregg.

The club would like to thank Sian, Steve, Lauren, Rachel, Tim, Rhona, Gregg, Theresa, Wendy, Lucy, and Frank for all their hard work and to everyone who supported the event which made the night such a success.

Councillor joins the Sports Relief mile

VALE councillor, Rob Curtis of Barry, is taking part in the Barry Island Sport Relief Mile on Sunday, March 21 and is urging others to join him.

"There is a choice of one, three or six miles, and the event starts at 11am. The cash raised from sponsorship helps people living unimaginably tough lives - both in the UK and across the world's poorest countries," he explained.

School creates impression with gymnastics success!

YOUNG gymnasts from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg created quite an impression at the Cardiff and Vale gymnastics championships, with a string of impressive results.

The year-7-and-8 boys' team and the year-9-and-above girls' team were victorious, with the year-9-and-above boys' team in second place and the year-7-and-8 girls' team in third place.

Individual successes in their respective age categories came from Iwan Mephram (first), Ffion Byrne (second), Rhidian Mephram (third), and Elinor Lewis (second).



ABOVE: Ysgol Bro Morgannwg's star gymnasts.

Milton takes 'next step'

JOSHUA MILTON from Barry, currently ranked as the British number 15, will be flying the flag for British Tennis at the AEGON Pro Series Futures event in Tipton next week.

The 20-year-old will compete in a tournament which attracts top players from all over the world.

Milton trains at the National Tennis Centre at Roehampton, and is part of the LTA's Team AEGON programme.

The AEGON Pro Series events feature many of the world's up and coming players, and for many it offers the first step on the professional ladder, with many players progressing to compete on the main ATP and WTA Tours.

It is a breeding ground for Britain's best young players. Entry is based on ranking and Milton has earned his place at the event following a successful season on the court.

The tournament starts on March 9.

Sea View just come up short against visitors

IT WAS A case of déjà vu for Sea View RFC, as another close game saw them narrowly lose to Whitchurch.

The game started brightly for the View, and early pressure saw Joe Perry almost score from a kick and chase.

More pressure led to a Whitchurch infringement and a penalty kick by Damion Huggins gave the View an early lead.

Whitchurch came back and scored a try to take the lead.

The departure of Huggins, mid way through the half meant a reshuffle of the back line, with Glynn Smith moving from full-back to fly-half, Steve Ball moving into the centre, and replacement Daniel Glennie taking up the full-back role.

From a lineout deep in Whitchurch territory, Chris Hann threw and a salmon-like leap from Mathew Azzopardi set the rampaging Jon Blake driving for the line.

From the ruck, scrum half Tom Cotter flicked a deft pass to Smith. Jaffa Braithwaite was on his shoulder to receive the pass and charged through two tackles and grounded the ball beneath the posts. Smith added the conversion to bring the score to 10 - 5.

Whitchurch levelled the score with a try just before half-time.

The second half saw some fantastic play from Sea View, thanks to domination at the lineout through Azzopardi and Phil Hughes, with Joe Matum and Jon Blake clearing up at the tail.

Against the run of play, Whitchurch took the lead from a converted try. Undaunted, Sea View came back, with front row Burston, Veness and Huelin taking several strikes against the head.

A penalty by Smith narrowed the Whitchurch lead and set up a frantic last 20 minutes.

Sea View threw their replacements into the

fray, Matt James taking over at tighthead from Mark Veness, Reth Davies coming on for the injured Joe Matum, and Ben Cotter coming on for Danny Morris, who had another cracking game.

With the clock running down, Sea View threw everything at Whitchurch. Ben Cotter was held up short of the line, and the final plays saw flanker Chris Hann go close, but it wasn't to be. The referee called no side - final score 13 - 17 to Whitchurch.

A superb game of rugby with again more positives than negatives. This weekend, the View have an away fixture against CIACS RFC.

As always thanks to our sponsors and supporters, with special thanks this week to Bob, Charlie and Alicia for preparing the pitch and clearing up afterwards. Thanks also to our non playing replacements, Jay Angove and Rhys Swinfen.

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College boxers 'build' on championship titles



Left to right: Adam Smart, Jacob Williams, Saeed Jama; Alex Boddy; Joshua Oliver and construction lecturer Bill Reynolds.

THE latest batch of construction trainees at Barry College should be able to look after themselves - as five are champion boxers!

By a remarkable coincidence, five Welsh champions have enrolled on courses at the college's Cardiff Construction Training Centre (CCTC).

All five amateur boxers have worn the coveted Welsh champions vest, and are all mem-

bers of different clubs, but as yet none of them have met in the ring because of the difference in weight categories.

The connection with champion boxers does not end there - construction lecturer Bill Reynolds is also a coach at one of the most successful clubs in Wales. In recent times, his club, St Josephs Newport, has boasted no fewer than 12 Welsh champions, five British champions and one European Gold medallist.

Bill said: "These stu-

dents are required to balance a strict training schedule with their current studies, which requires an extraordinary amount of dedication.

"I am sure that if they can maintain their current level of diligence, the rewards will be worth all the hard work and sacrifice.

"All of the boxers are aware that the current goal is the 2010 Commonwealth Games, but to be selected they must again win Welsh titles, definitely not an easy feat."

YMCA GYMNAST EMMA NOTCHES GOLD MEDALS



ABOVE: Barry gymnasts took park in the Welsh championships.

LONGSTANDING club member Emma Worrall (age 14) competed in the 14+ age group in a Welsh junior event and showed how her gymnastic skills have matured over the years.

She claimed the overall title and also claimed gold medals on floor and bars, and placed fourth on beam and fifth on vault.

Her training partner Caitlin Allin (age 13) had similar success in the 12/13 category where she claimed the overall silver medal. Caitlin became the novice floor champi-

on and also claimed another three medals by placing third on vault, bars and beam.

In the 10/11 years category, Barry were represented by Megan Brown, Nia Fenn, Chelsea Slack and Catrin Megan Davies. The quartet worked well together as a team, competing many new skills, which assisted them in claiming the bronze medal in the team event.

Catrin Megan Davies also had success in the individual apparatus events claiming another bronze on floor and becoming the bars champion. She was placed fourth overall, narrowly missing out on the title

due to a fall off the beam. Barry had the largest representation from across Wales in the youngest 8/9 years age category.

Catrin Long, Chloe Sullivan, Ellie Peterson, Elice Stockford, Elisha Watkins, Ffion Jackson, Freya Parker, Megan Hopkins, Megan Sully, Seren Mirza Davies, Sophie Birkin, Tia Ali and Tia Dewitt all had a great time competing, many for the first time in a Welsh voluntary competition.

The teams placed fifth, sixth and ninth. Barry had three gymnasts in the top 12 in this age group.

Elice Stockford had a particularly good competition, placed fourth on floor, sixth on bars and eighth on vault. She was placed seventh overall, narrowly missing out on an all-round medal due to a fall off beam.

Tia Ali, placed ninth overall, placing eighth on floor and beam. Freya Parker was placed seventh on beam and 11th overall.

Well done to all gymnasts and special thanks to their coaches.



Young stars Emma and Caitlin.

Beth's Chesnut Annie lands Dunraven prize

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Chesnut Annie, a nine-year-old chestnut mare qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt, gave owner/trainer Beth Roberts her biggest success to-date when landing the valuable Dunraven Foxhunters' Hunter Chase at Ffos Las Racecourse last week.

Chesnut Annie was enterprisingly ridden by Isabel Tompsett, who recently chalked up her 50th winner between-the-flags on the prolific mare, who led from the start, and who won unchallenged by 20 lengths from

Crystal D'Ainay in a top class field of 14 runners.

Meanwhile, *Hucking Hero*, a 25-1 winner of a novice hurdle for Aberthin's Tim

Vaughan earlier this month, landed the valuable Breathe Spa At Marriot Handicap on the flat over one mile and five furlongs at Lingfield Park last Friday.

Ridden by Pat Cosgrove, *Hucking Hero* was backed to 7-2 favourite.

● Congratulations to evergreen Cowbridge trainer Bryn Palling w

TENNIS TALENT SEARCH

A CAMPAIGN to get more young people playing tennis is being launched by Barry Tennis Club.

Young tennis players are invited to junior coaching lessons starting with an open day on Sunday March 7, at Barry Athletic Club, Paget Road, on Barry Island.

To encourage young talent, Barry Tennis Club is offering a range of coaching programmes for players from five years upwards with the club's professional LTA-licensed coach.

A number of junior tournaments will also be run throughout the year.

For further details contact Harry Morgan on 01446 412976 or e mail: barrytennis@ntl-world.com, or visit the Club's web site at www.barrytennis.co.uk

Llantwit Major under-9s are outnumbered

L L A N T W I T MAJOR under-9s played host to Penarth RFC on Sunday morning with only seven who gave their all.

The boys did have a few breaks from on-form Jac Wisendon but Penarth used the boggy pitch to their advantage, driving to score two tries.

Llantwit did improve in the second quarter, with Dom Henson bashing his way through the Penarth pack. But against the run of play Llantwit conceded another try to make it 3-0 to the visitors.

Llantwit started the third quarter brilliantly all guns blazing with Jac Wisendon dummying and dodging his way over the line. Llantwit then started to play the 'ugly' rugby which they're not used to playing, with Joss Harris and Harry Bluck spending more time on the floor fighting for the ball.

If there was an award for the player covered in the most mud it would have to go Joss Harris, I feel sorry for his mother having to wash those clothes!

Llantwit got the ball to William Cummings Jones who smashed his

way over. Harry Black then scored to make it 3-3, but Llantwit conceded a further two tries near the end to make the final score 5-3 to the visitors.

The boys played very well and gave it their all. **LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC under-9s are seeking new players to join the team.**

Earlier last year, the Scarlets invited Llantwit to the opening game of the season where the boys played in front of 10,000 people at half time.

They had a training session with Matthew Rees (British Lions and Wales hooker) and Regan King (New Zealand) at the newly-built barn where they all had lots of fun.

Llantwit also have a good committee who are always looking at new ideas such as tours and trips out of the rugby season.

For more information contact Chris Pilcher on 07896012584 or Tim Jones (director of rugby) on 07876567509, or come to training on Sunday morning at 10.00am at the Rec.

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Power cheque for bowlers



A CHEQUE for £250 was presented to the South Vale District Bowling Association that brings together 15 bowling clubs from across the south Vale - from Llantwit Major, Penarth, Sully, Cowbridge, Rhosce and Barry from Aberthaw Power Station.

The main competition

is the Alun Martin Memorial Cup and the donation will be used for the 2010 final.

"We are most grateful for the generous donation, which allows our competition to run for another year," said SVDBA treasurer Mick Mason.

Aberthaw Power Station production manager Richard Little (centre) is pictured presenting the cheque to treasurer Mick Mason (left) and secretary Dave Johnes (right).

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Reserves get shirty - in best possible taste, of course!



DINAS Powys Rotary Club have recently donated polo shirts and training tops for Dinas Powys FC reserve team.

Reserve team captain Danny Brown and his team, are pictured here with Rotarian Tim Hubbard and club president David Wiltshire.

Club player Marc Mills pictured with Rotary president David Wiltshire, joined Dinas Powys FC as a nine-year-old and has progressed through the teams. He is now a regular for Dinas Powys FC Reserves, playing in the Welsh Reserve League.

ABOVE: Dinas Powys reserves. BELOW: Marc Mills and David Wiltshire.



Vale pupil Ellen is a rising badminton star

A RISING star of Welsh badminton is aiming to reach the pinnacle of her sport with a helpful volley from the Vale Council.

Thirteen-year-old Ellen Mahenthiralingam, from Dinas Powys, is one of 20 elite athletes from the county whose sporting ambitions are being supported this year by the Vale Council's Sports Academy Scheme.

Overseen by the council's leisure and tourism department, the scheme gives members free use of the council's leisure facilities to help with their training needs. Ellen, who started playing badminton at seven, currently trains four times a week, with two of those sessions on the courts at Cowbridge Leisure Centre with her coach Chris Rees.

The Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "We are delighted to support talented individuals to reach their potential on a national and international stage within recognised sports. The Sports Academy Scheme has been running for a number of years in the Vale and supported athletes such as Nicole Cooke earlier in their careers."

Ellen's proudest achievement in badminton so far is winning the under-11 and under-13 Welsh junior titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and she will be travelling to Belgium in April to play in her first European tournament.

A pupil at St Cyres Comprehensive School,



Coach Chris Rees passes on advice to Ellen during a training session on court at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Ellen also plays tennis and hockey and runs for the school's athletics team. Her sister Joanna (15), also took up badminton at a young age and has teamed up with Ellen to play doubles competitively in Wales and England, winning several tournaments.

Her parents also play a lot of badminton and golf, so hitting things definitely runs in the family!

Delighted with the support her daughter is receiving from the council, Ann Mahenthiralingam said: "The Vale Council's Sports Academy Scheme has been invaluable in allowing Ellen access to courts and training facilities in the Vale."

"With coaching and travel to tournaments, the cost of developing Ellen's badminton skills are high and it is great to have this extra support from the council."

TAE KWON DO NEWS

RECENTLY, members of the Tae Kwon Do Schools run by Steve and Pat Tottle went to compete in the South Midlands Area Championships in Hereford.

The results were as follows: Bridgend's Jasmine Over took silver in the ladies black belt middleweight sparring.

From the Vale, Jessica Burt took silver in the girls yellow belt sparring and bronze in patterns,

while Catrin Williams took silver in the girls blue belt sparring.

On Saturday, February 13, members of the Rhondda and Vale Tae Kwon Do took the long drive to north Wales to take part in the North Wales Inter-Club Challenge. There were about 400 competitors taking part in the event.

Two Vale entrants were Bethany Burt who took gold in blue belt girls sparring and silver in patterns, and Jessica Burt (bronze in yellow belt girls patterns).

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- 03 03 FIAT Punto 1.2 Active 5dr. Blue met, 47k miles, rcl, pas, e/w, cd £2,975
02 02 SUZUKI Wagon R 1.3 GL Special 5dr. Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, a/c, e/w, alloys £3,475
05 05 CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE+ 5-dr. Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, ew, pas, cd £3,965
03 53 SEAT Ibiza 1.2 5-dr. Grey met, 52k, rcl, pas, ew, cd £3,975
04 54 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 3dr SXI. Blue metallic, 53k miles, rcl, alloys, ew, pas £3,975
03 03 SKODA Fabia 1.9 TDI Turbo Diesel 5dr. Green met, 61k miles, rcl, cd, alloys £4,475
05 54 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression 3-dr. Silver, met, 58k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd £4,475
05 54 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Finesse 3-dr. Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd £4,475
06 56 HYUNDAI 1.4 Getz GSI 3-dr. Black, met, 15k miles, rcl, ew, pas, cd £4,975
07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Campus 5-dr, grey met, 39k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd £5,775
06 06 VAUXHALL Agila 1.2 16v Enjoy 5dr. Met purple, 12k miles rcl, pas, ew, cd £5,975
07 07 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style 3-dr, silver met, 39k miles, ew, pas, cd £6,475
07 07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 Life (a/c) 3-dr, grey met, 26k miles, rcl, pas, cd, ew £6,475
07 07 CITROEN C3 1.4 Desire 5-dr. Met black, cd, a/c, pas, 12k miles £6,975
09 09 CITROEN 1.0 VTR 3-dr. Met black, 8k miles, rcl, pas, cw, cd £7,475

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- 02 02 NISSAN Almera Twister 1.5 5-dr. Mint green met, 50k miles, rcl, pas, cd, ew £3,475
04 04 HONDA Jazz 1.4 DSI SE AUTO 5dr. Silver metallic, rcl, cd, ew, alloys £3,975
05 05 RENAULT Megane 1.4 Rush 3-dr Silver met, 53k miles, alloys, rcl, a/c, cd £4,475
07 07 FIAT Grande Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5dr. Met blue, e windows, rcl, 5k miles £6,975
07 07 FORD Mondeo TURBO DIESEL 2.0 TDCI 1x 5-dr. Black met, 34k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd £7,475
05 05 FORD Mondeo 2.2 TDCI TURBO DIESEL Titanium 155. Black met, 45k miles, rcl, alloys, e/w, cd, a/c £7,975
07 07 PEUGEOT 307 HDi 90SE TURBO DIESEL. Green/grey met, 38k miles, alloys, rcl, ew, cd, a/c £7,975

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- 04 53 MGTF 1.8 135 CONVERTIBLE. Silver met, 31k miles, alloys, rcl, e/w, pas £4,975
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03 52 PEUGEOT 206cc Convertible. Silver met, 38k miles, rcl, e/w, cd, 2 tone leather £5,975
05 54 VAUXHALL Vectra 1.9 CDTI SRI AUTO 5dr. Met blue, alloys, a/c, fsh £5,975
04 04 TOYOTA Celica VVTi. Met silver, 39k, S/H, sports pack, leather, sunroof, a/c £7,475
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- 01 51 SUZUKI Jimmy 1.3 J1X 4x4. Black met, 66k miles, alloys, cd, cl, e/w £3,475
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09 09 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 5dr Life. Silver met, only 1,700 miles!
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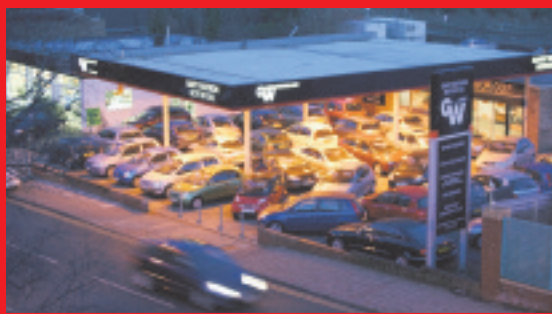
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Wales need to learn that two swift halves are better than one

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

IT wasn't that many moons ago when Wales had an unwelcome international reputation as 'the 40-minute team', capable of a spirited, even brilliant first half display, but unable to maintain it for the full 80 minutes and guaranteed to fade long before the final whistle, as pressure and fitness issues told in the heat of battle.

With this current Welsh team, physical conditioning is no longer a problem, so it is ironic that the match trend now seems to be reversed – with a sluggish, lack-lustre first 40 minutes being followed by an all-action, edge-of-the-seat, second half fight-back that all too often comes far too late to win the day.

If only the old first half and the new second half could be fused into a complete 80-minute whole, what a joy that would be for the nail-bitten fans (as well as the equally frustrated Wales coaches!)

In the Six Nations opener, a belated burst of Welsh energy was not enough against a mediocre English side, that went on to only narrowly overcome world rugby minnows Italy.

Against the battling Scots, the habitual Welsh second half revival won the day by the skin of their teeth (an exhilarating win put into sober focus by Scotland's demise in Rome at the weekend).

Against Grand Slam-hunting France at the Millennium Stadium on Friday evening, harsh reality again hit home in a 20-26 defeat that left Wales' remaining championship hopes in tatters.

In each case, Wales has generously allowed the opposition to take a substantial early lead, and then been forced into risk-taking, catch-up rugby, which though at times heroic and certainly entertaining, has had nerves a'jangling!

Whereas England had somehow held out,

and Scotland had imploded within seconds of victory, there was never any real danger of a belated Welsh comeback fazing the impressively-focused title-favourites, once the latter had a 20-point first half cushion, courtesy of two gratefully-taken interception tries.

The lesson, it seems, had still not been learnt; though in truth, that was not the whole story, for the root cause of Wales' current lack of success is glaringly obvious.

As head coach Warren Gatland himself put it on Saturday evening: "We are the architects of our own misfortune".

He was referring, of course, to his team's self-destructive tendency to scatter basic errors like confetti, aborting promising moves at the critical juncture, and gifting a clutch of soft points to opposing teams – who are then made to look far better than they really are.

Dropped passes, give-away interceptions and surprising defensive lapses (given the squad's strength in that department just a year ago), are some of the burning issues now being urgently addressed.

The real pity is that this is a genuinely-talented Welsh team clearly simmering with potential, and flashes of brilliance give tantalising glimpses of great things to come...

...If only they can sort out the errors in execution and put two equal halves together, rather than persistently giving opponents a 20-point headstart and attempting to overhaul them as the clock winds down!

Even so, the time surely cannot be too far distant when this still-developing young squad finally gels, and all the parts come together in a smoothly composite whole.

Maybe that could even happen before the end of this year's Six Nations – and with Italy and Ireland to come, who knows?

What a morale booster that would be to Welsh preparations for the Rugby World Cup.

Maudesley 'a star of future' as Huskies reach semis

BARRY Huskies Seconds continued an impressive run in the South Wales Valleys League Plate by winning away at Crickhowell Bulldogs.

The young team blasted off to a quick 10-1 lead within three minutes of the first quarter, including an unexpected three-pointer from Darwin Pitman, the Huskies' forward. He ended up top scorer in the first quarter with nine of the Huskies' 17 points.

Another three at the end of the quarter by Juan Roderick gave the

Huskies a 17-8 lead.

The Bulldogs woke up early in the second quarter and with a change in defence, closed the lead right down with some good fast breaking.

The Huskies failed to score in the first four minutes of the quarter, but began scoring again putting seven points back on the scoreboard. The second quarter ended 19-13 to the Huskies, giving them a half-time lead of 36-21.

The third quarter began with the Huskies extending their lead with a couple of three-pointers. The defence was solid, limiting the Bulldogs to just 14 points. The quarter

ended with the Huskies leading 57-35.

The fourth quarter continued in the same vein, the Huskies dominating on both ends of the court. As the game was virtually won, coach Cooper gave some much-needed game time to 16-year-old, 6ft 7ins Sean Maudesley, who made an immediate impact by scoring three points and dominating the defensive boards.

The Bulldogs tried a full court man-to-man defence to try and get the Huskies to turn the ball over, but some excellent passing from the young Huskies side easily overcame this.

The game ended in a 75-50 win for the

Huskies and they progress to the tournament's semi-finals.

Afterwards, coach Cooper said: "I was very pleased with this display – the teamwork my side is showing is fantastic. I was glad to see Maudesley get some minutes – we have a potential Welsh international player on our hands in him. I hope he keeps working hard because he has the ability to go all the way."

Club details can be found at www.barry-huskies.net or on at facebook page Barry Huskies Basketball Club. **ELLIOT THOMAS**

Woeful Dinas end up as wonderful!

THIS was three badly needed points for Dinas with the game going much the same as the Wales v France night before, but with a different outcome.

For the whole of the first-half the home side were woeful, giving a young Taffs Well side time and space to knock the ball around almost at will, and hardly mounting a meaningful attack of their own.

Visiting captain Liam Williams shot wide as early as the third minute to give a taste of what was to come, and with Dinas conceding a number of free-kicks, it was no surprise that the visitors scored in the 12th minute.

Tyrone Topper's well-placed free-kick found David Biggs in acres of space on the edge of the six-yard-box, but his goal-bound header was somehow pushed away for a corner by keeper Peter Blaine.

From the corner, the

DINAS POWYS TAFFS WELL

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same player was again given too much room and this time made no mistake with a well-placed header to score what was a deserved opener.

The visitors continued their dominance of the half with a Topper header cleared off the line and Jamal Roberts heading wide.

The first half ended with the home support thankful that it was only a one goal deficit, partly due to keeper Peter Blaine, but also the inability of the visiting attack to convert more of their many chances.

In the second half, the home side came out with more purpose not giving their opponents time to settle, and this changed the whole course of the game. They had more shots on goal in the first three minutes than the previous 45.

The midfield pair of Jacob Rudman and Ricki Morgan worked hard to gain the upper hand and it was Rudman who had

a shot saved in the first minute.

Mark Dunford headed narrowly wide before Dinas got the equaliser when Tom Hutton's cross fell for Joe Hinds just inside the area, and his effort ran through a crowd of players and just inside the post with keeper John Howe stranded.

Dinas had knocked the visitors out of their stride and continued to have much the better of the second-half. Lloyd Davies headed wide and Rudman's shot was held by the keeper.

Twenty-seven minutes into the half, Ricki Morgan did well to free Tom Hutton and when he reached the by-line, he put over an excellent cross. It was misjudged by the keeper, who must have thought it was going behind, but the ball bounced off the crossbar and Mark Dunford was on hand at the far post to head in from no more than two yards.

For the remainder of

the game, Dinas continued to have the upper hand and when Taffs Well were busy appealing for a foul, the referee waved play on and Paul Carro should have done better, but his shot was comfortably saved by the keeper.

Despite reports to the Vale Council about dog mess problems at recent games, three piles had to be removed from the pitch before the game and it seems the council are powerless to prevent this happening.

Next Saturday, March 6, Dinas have another home game with Ton Pentre the visitors. Please note the weekend kick-off times now change to 2.30pm.

Squad: 1 Peter Blaine, 2 Tom Hutton, 3 Andy Lane, 4 Lloyd Davies, 5 Anthony Roberts, 6 Rhodri Foote, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Jacob Rudman, 9 Joe Hinds(1), 10 Mark Dunford(1), 11 Paul Carro, 12 Owain Adams, 14 Karl Steele, 15 Josh Reffell, 16 Stephen Provis.

For news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk

Barry RFC dispatch Deri with a clinical display

BARRY travelled to Deri for a fixture re-arranged from the mini ice age of last autumn.

With the home side in fourth position in the league, Barry were expecting a strong challenge to their unbeaten record.

However, Barry's mindset was absolutely spot on. The pack set about their task with a will, putting the Deri eight under severe pressure in all aspects. What illustrated this superiority most dramatically was the way in which the home side was shunted back at the scrums.

Hard work and ability from the front row of Brown, Hollister and Hunt, ably assisted by

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the other five forwards, gave Deri no breathing space. Every move had an intensity that had not been present in recent games.

This momentum gave the away backs an armchair ride. While generally operating smoothly, the Barry half-backs were strangely hesitant in getting the ball out wide, where they clearly had the measure of their opponents. Two penalties kicked by the captain gave Barry a six-point lead after the first quarter of play, and an accidental injury to the Deri full-back gave them more problems, which they could clearly have done without.

With half an hour gone, Barry started to dominate the lineouts. This enabled Cummings to turn pressure into points, with two more penalties and a drop goal keeping the scoreboard ticking over. Barry had played the first half with self-confidence and concentration.

The second half opened with more forward pressure creating an opportunity for scrum-half Lee to dart

over near the posts for a try which was easily converted.

The back row of Owain Brown, Matthew George and particularly Hywel Jones, were creating havoc in the Deri defence. Tempers were becoming frayed, resulting in yellow cards for one player from each side.

After 20 minutes of the second half, the referee granted Deri passive scrums, since they were not able to field a competent front row. 'passive scrums' were mirrored by some 'pas-

sive refereeing"! The arbiter then missed the knock-on of the season, when he allowed a player following up to drop on the ball for a try!

Further Barry penalties and a converted try finished the business of the day, but unfortunately they had not gained that elusive bonus point. They had reacted to the criticism of last week's performance in the clearest way possible. Credit is due to players and coaches alike.

The game next Saturday is at home against Old Penarthians with kick-off at 2.30pm.

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